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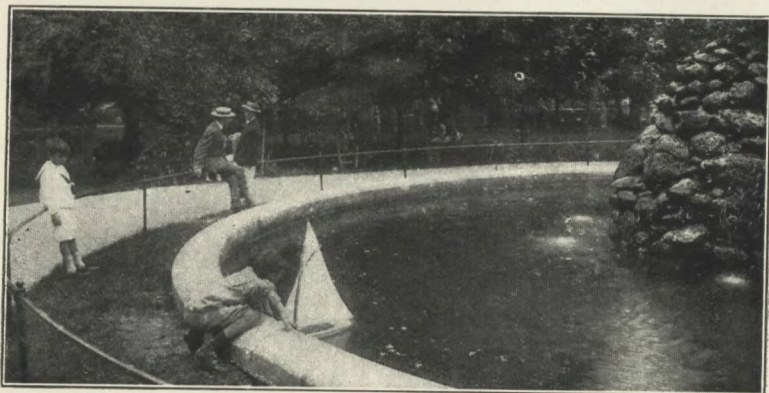
THE CHAPTER PRESIDENT

The most important officer of a chapter is the president. He is the chief executive, the moral leader, and actual head of the organization; he is the intermediary between the chapter and the university officials. He must be able to preside; but far more than that, he must know, or must learn, what his subordinates and the whole chapter are doing, and to make each of his subordinates do his appointed share of the work at the appointed time and in the appointed manner.

The chapter president is responsible for the maintenance of chapter traditions and the unwritten manners and customs that make so valuable a feature of fraternity life: traditions of etiquette, discipline, and morals in the broadest sense of the word. As the office is the highest in the gift of the chapter, so is it the most difficult to fill acceptably.—Δ Υ.



THE CHARLEVOIX STATION FROM THE PORCH



THE POOL AT CHARLEVOIX



THE INN FROM THE STATION



CHARLEVOIX—MUSHROOMS AND GOLF

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THE COLLEGES AT PLAY

That college life to be truly effective must be a well-rounded life is a generally accepted truism. That the play spirit must find fortunate expression if it is not to develop undesirable pranks and escapades, is as true in the maturity of college life as in the days of childhood. And so, have grown up at every college a mass of college tradition and custom. Each college has some distinctive customs around which much sentiment clusters, and which—when alumni are frank—form some of the chief memories that make them homesick for the campus. Because colleges are alike in a way, some customs are common to many colleges, though each has some individual turn of its own, and every college has something peculiarly its own.

That we may know each other better, the chapter editors—some of them—have contributed accounts of some customs dear to their Alma maters, or, perhaps more accurately, dear to the students of their Alma maters, to this symposium. If you wonder why some colleges are better represented than others in these pages, it may be for one of two reasons. The editor may have been more responsive to our call for copy, or the college may have so many admirable and interesting customs, that it seems to have earned more space in such a collection. May day stories have been reserved for a special article to appear later. We are sorry, of course, that we haven't something to offer from each of our thirty-nine colleges, but we are glad to be able to offer so much interesting lore of some of our colleges.

Alumnæ (one and all) if you do not find here the college custom most beloved by you—why send its story to the editor and earn her gratitude.

CLASS DAYS AT RANDOLPH-MACON

Anyone who comes to Randolph-Macon is impressed by the class spirit that exists among the Odds and Evens. Those that belong to classes of odd years are Odds, and those that belong to classes of even years are Evens. Each group has a day in the year to commemorate its traditions and celebrate its victories.

Even Class Day

The day chosen by the Evens is March 14, the date of the death of our beloved mascot, Buttons. Buttons was a noble white horse that belonged to Dr. W. W. Smith, the founder of Randolph-Macon.

But Buttons is not dead to those of the "Even Trail" for his spirit is always an incentive to them to be conquerors of the Odds.

On the morning of this memorable day the campus is a wonderful creation of the Even's colors, tan, white, and green, and their flowers, yellow and white chrysanthemums. The two dormitories that have fallen to them through great victories over the Odds are in their holiday array. The Smith Hall tower seems to rise higher in its pride of being honored with Even colors and banners. As the rising bell rings the numerals of both Even classes, songs are heard from down in the pines. They are songs of Even lore, sung by enthusiastic girls dressed in white and wearing the symbol of our mascot, a button tied with a green ribbon, around their necks. They march up to the front campus in couples of upperclassmen and underclassmen. The class presidents lead the procession carrying the trophy cups. Others carry banners and placards of Even victories won in all college activities. At last they reach the hitching post, a monument erected in memory of Buttons, and here they deposit the cups and placards. Then when all go in for breakfast they find the interior also gayly decorated. At chapel if the upperclass is a senior class, it marches through the chapel entrances that have just acquired portières of buttons and green ribbons. Before dinner there is a parade depicting Even history. The story of the blazoned Even Trail is told in song to the onlookers. At five o'clock, around the hitching post there is a flag drill—the flags are of the three colors tan, white, and green. Then all the Evens go to the gymnasium for supper. After a delightful meal, made joyous with songs, the upperclassmen give a pageant of Even traditions, the secrecy of which makes every Even more loyal and enthusiastic and binds her to all her class sisters.

Then the crowning event of the day comes when Senator Buttons returns from the Elysian Fields. Far across the campus his white figure approaches and walks straight to his hitching post. He tells us, for he really can talk, of his life both on earth and in the Elysian Fields and how he enjoys being back among his loyal Even followers. As the ten-thirty bell rings his voice dies away into a moanful, "I must go, my children, back to the Elysian Fields to return to you at this hour next year. Goodbye, Goodbye." And as Button's spirit disappears from the campus Even day goes with him until next March 14.

Maurine Edwards

Odd Class Day

Odd class day which commemorates a great victory of the class of 1913 in the spring of 1910, is April 1.

The night before, the underclassmen (freshmen or sophomores according to the year) decorate New Hall, which is the dormitory

claimed by the odd classes, in the Odd colors, red, grey, and blue; and fling from Smith Hall tower the class banners and red, grey, and blue streamers. With the ringing of the rising bell, which is rung according to the numerals of the upper odd class, the members of the odd classes, dressed in white and wearing their class flowers, the red carnation and blue ragged robin, begin to assemble on the campus around a large pine tree, known as the "Odd Tree" where they sing to all Odd classes. This tree has received its fame because of the part it played in some Odd and Even battle. Immediately after breakfast the under Odd classmen form a carnation arch extending from New Hall to Smith Hall, through which the upper Odd classmen march into chapel. Just before dinner the underclassmen have a mock parade. After lunch there is another parade. In this the upperclassmen wear red carnation hats; in front there is a carnation float bearing the class presidents and two girls chosen as typical of the two odd classes who are dressed to represent their class mascots, namely, the red devil and the witch. This float is pulled by the members of Γ '13, an Odd class honorary order. At five o'clock a bugle calls the classes again to the campus where a witch dance is given under the Odd Tree, after which a little red devil rises from the witch's caldron and invites all Odds to supper in the pines. The last event of the day is the lantern parade at 10:15. The upper Odd classmen carry lanterns with their mascot and numerals, cut out and lit up by the candle inside the lantern. A faculty alumna from each odd class of the preceding years (we really have them), bears a lantern with the numerals and mascot of that class upon it. The underclassmen close the procession which winds over the campus to the Odd Tree singing the lantern song. If the upperclass is a senior class an additional ceremony occurs at the "Odd Tree" in a most impressive ceremony. The seniors bestow their lanterns on the younger sisters who will next year be the guides of other and as yet unknown sisters into the "land of Odd"—this last ritual closes Odd day.

Lucy Ames

THE PARTHENEIA AT CALIFORNIA

One of the most important events of the spring semester at California, is the Partheneia. The Partheneia is a great outdoor pageant given every year by the women students, and it is the only dramatic production which belongs entirely to the women, and in which every girl in college has an opportunity to take part. It is not a very old custom, but was started about six years ago, when Miss Sprague was Dean of women. It was her idea that the women students should have some such tradition, and, so under her direction, the Partheneia was established. It was to be written in the form of a masque which should have for its main theme the change from

girlhood into womanhood. The Partheneia is always written by a student and any girl may submit one to the committee, which selects the best one for presentation.

The Partheneia is given in Faculty Glade, one of the prettiest spots on the campus, green with grass and shady live oaks. There is a natural woodsy stage for the players and a gentle slope for the audience, where they may sit on chairs if they have reserved seats, or on the ground on humble mats and newspapers if they come through the gate marked General Admission. Of course, there is a great deal of dancing in the production, which gives an opportunity for very lovely costume and color effects. The music is furnished by the University orchestra, and is usually written by a student. This year's Partheneia is called *Youth's Adventure*. It has fourteen choruses, so there is ample opportunity for many coeds "to come and trip it on the light fantastic." You may be a Spirit of the Rising Sun, or of Purple Dusk, or a Spirit of Ugly Sin, or if these seem too poetic and imaginative, you can join the band of common townspeople and country-folk.

Each year the Partheneia is a larger and more elaborate production, and we hope that it may always fulfill its purpose; which is—to be a truly beautiful expression of the ideals of the women of California.

THE CORNELL CIRCUS DAY

Perhaps the most characteristic custom at Cornell is Spring day. It occurs sometime during the spring usually quite late, and the main events of the day are the Circus in the morning, a baseball game in the afternoon, the races on Cayuga lake about five o'clock, and in the evening the cap burning. The morning part of the affair is an attempt to make money for the athletic association, and means of all sorts are practiced. First there is a parade of all participants, gaudily arrayed in costumes unbelievable. All sorts of races, throwing, gambling, and all kinds of "Skin Games" which are perfectly allowable, because expected, furnish most of the fun. The campus presents a gay scene for there are usually many guests.

The ball game is quite like all ball games except that the circus costumes are usually worn during the remainder of the day.

The part of the lake where the race comes off is full of boats of all descriptions with whistles blowing and people shouting. The shore is one mass of people and the observation train, a long line of open cars holding a gay throng, follows each race from start to finish.

The final event of the day is the cap burning, much looked forward to by the freshmen, because it is the sign that the days of their "greenness" are over. When it is properly dark, a huge bonfire of

crates, barrels, et cetera, is lighted and the freshmen march around throwing into the flames their despised freshman caps.

Winifred Romer

MUSIC AT MONTANA

We here at Montana hold "Singing on the steps" one of the oldest and most precious of Montana traditions. This is held on every Thursday evening, which the eccentric climate of Montana permits. All of the students congregate on the steps of University hall, promptly at 7:30.

Some of the University songs are sung, several speeches are made by students and faculty members, and a few cheers given. As the clock strikes eight, there is absolute silence, and the men bare their heads. Then as the last stroke of eight is sounded, every one sings "College Chums," and at the close every one walks silently away.

MOVING-UP DAY AT SYRACUSE

Moving-up Day is a custom that was instituted about twenty years ago in Syracuse university. The seats in Liberal Arts chapel are arranged in four groups—the first for the freshmen, the second for the sophomores, and so on. One spring morning the freshmen came early to chapel and took the sophomore row; the sophomores, the junior row; and the juniors, the senior row. When the seniors appeared, they were forced to take what was left—the freshman row.

From this time on, one day has been set apart each year as a holiday, and has been termed "Moving-up Day." The first simple custom has been greatly elaborated. In the morning the students assemble at Crouse chapel for special exercises. These are followed by a grand pee-rade, which is formed of floats representing the various colleges and organizations of the university—also a hearse which contains the green lids of the freshmen. These lids are afterwards burned with appropriate rites.

The afternoon is taken up with the interclass crew races on the Seneca river, and the day usually closes with a regatta dance in the men's gymnasium.

Abby Cresson

FARMERS' FAIR AT MISSOURI UNIVERSITY

The Farmers' Fair is the biggest thing held at Missouri university and the largest affair of its kind in the world. The idea first originated here in Columbia and the plan has grown in proportion to the growth of the agricultural department. A vast field is used and within a week the place is converted into a veritable mass of tents and booths. After the parade, with its thirty or more floats, the grounds are opened for the afternoon and evening. Here you

can delight your soul with such satisfying things as ice cream cones, "Kelly" slides, or a real minstrel show. After you have succeeded in squeezing yourself into the big tent along with 500 others and have seen the *Follies*, a clever take-off on college life, there is just time enough left to take in all the side shows, eat another hot-dog, and limp wearily home. A few things will always remain in your memory, a vision of the home economics girls in their white caps and aprons, the circle of lights and tents stretching around for a mile, and the whole bustling, noisy crowd with their holiday air. You vow that you had a good time but are glad you don't have to go again until next year.

Leonora Woodward

BOOSTING OKLAHOMA

One Saturday, in May of each year, the state high school track meet is held at Norman on Boyd field the university athletic grounds. Every high school in the state that can muster a track team sends it to take part in this event and sends as many "rooters" as possible with its team. They are always the wide awake, active pupils that come and those are the ones in whom the university is especially interested.

They come by the hundreds from all over the state and give the university a chance to show them what it really is. The students of the university show their high school friends its advantages and good points and many times are responsible for their entering the university later. If you are at all a "good mixer" you can get acquainted with many prospective students and really "boost" for the university.

The Young Women's Christian association has the exclusive right to serve lunch that day. They have a large tent just at the entrance to Boyd field and serve sandwiches, iced tea, salad, cake, ice cream, et cetera. This is really an advantage to all because it is convenient for those attending the track meet and the Young Women's Christian association always clears between three and four hundred dollars for its budget.

Margaret Coleman

A SWARTHMORE CUSTOM

At Swarthmore there is one day each year on which our very typical coeducational college is transferred into a realm where woman holds full sway, and not so much as the shadow of a man may be distinguished upon the horizon. Somerville literary society is a women's honorary organization—the standard for admittance being based on scholarship. On this red-letter day, called Somerville Day, in honor of the occasion this society holds a special meeting for which alumnæ

usually make every effort to return, for old friends and classmates may always be found in the groups that crowd the halls between events, and surely there is not an alumna who comes but meets someone whom she "had no idea was in this part of the country." It is a day of meetings and chattering, over and over again.

Above a deafening clamour of talk the president finally makes her gavel heard and the business proceeds. Speeches and announcements of scholarship and fellowship winners help to relieve the red-tape, and make the time fly, so that luncheon time has come before one realizes it.

At the tables the threads of former conversations are picked up and carried on with renewed vigor, until attention is given to the toasts which follow. Bright and witty and full of reminiscences of college events of "their time," these are the final touch needed to take them back to their undergraduate days and make them feel that they still "belong."

A play given in the afternoon by some of the undergraduate members finishes the program of a successful day, for the loyalty and interest which our alumnae always show on this occasion can not help but make us feel that the day has been a success.

ST. PATRICK AT MINNESOTA

St. Patrick's Day is engineers' day at Minnesota. Early in the morning, men of the engineering college appear on the campus decked out in green clothes. The senior class has a blarney stone which is hidden sometime before March 17 and it is the duty of the juniors to find this stone and to keep it in their possession until the next year when it will be their turn to hide it.

At noon a grand parade starts from the main engineering building and wends its way over the campus and up "fraternity row." The seniors are all dressed as St. Patrick; the freshmen as suffragettes; the sophomores and juniors as savages, babies, actresses, or anything that they choose to be. All the way along the streets the men sing the following song:

(To tune of *Johnny Comes Marching Home*)

St. Patrick was an engineer, he was, he was,
St. Patrick was an engineer, he was, he was,
He invented the calculus,
He handed it down to us to cuss,
Erin go bra', Hurrah for the engineers.
Rah, rah, rah, rah,
Hurrah for the engineers.

St. Patrick was an engineer, he was, he was,
St. Patrick was an engineer, he was, he was,
For he designed the pearly gates,
Surveyed the streets of gold so straight,
Erin go bra', Hurrah for the engineers.
Rah, rah, rah, rah,
Hurrah for the engineers.

In the afternoon the whole college is invited to what is known as the "Engineers' Tea," at which green tea and small green wafers and candy are served. For the last couple of years Hawaiian singers have furnished entertainment for the guests and there is informal dancing between selections. In the evening a large dance is held in the armory which is decorated with a great deal of green confetti.

Each year the parade has some new feature, and it is with the greatest interest and curiosity that we wait for this annual event, the engineers' St. Patrick's Day.

Ellen Goodrich

SUB-FRESHMAN DAY

A custom which is distinctively Vermont's is that of holding a Kollege Kake Walk every year on February 22. People come to it from miles around, and the big gymnasium is crowded to its utmost. The special guests of the occasion are sub-freshmen from the high schools of the state. They are entertained at the dormitory and fraternity houses, are taken around the college, and to the Kake Walk. For the Kake Walk itself, no effort is spared, no fund of ingenuity left unexplored. The evening begins with a band concert, followed by a P-rade, with a cup for the cleverest costume. Each fraternity then puts on a stunt, a burlesque, a moving picture, a take-off of college or local interest, or what not—always clever, and always entertaining. The fraternity putting on the best stunt receives a large cake and possession of the Briggs cup for one year. After the stunts, Kake-walking couples compete for a small cake. The judges award the prizes, and there is general dancing until midnight. Then comes a rousing smoker in honor of the sub-freshman guests, with addresses by faculty members and athletic leaders, followed by refreshments.

Pearl M. Grandy

EASTER MORNING AT ORMSBY HALL, LAWRENCE COLLEGE

Picture to yourselves the breaking dawn of an Easter morning. The shades in the parlor of Ormsby hall have just been raised, letting in the soft glow of sunrise while the hall is still wrapped in the silence of night. Four girls dressed in white stand ready in the parlor and now move slowly up and down the long corridors of the hall singing. The sleepers awake to hear the glad refrain, "The

Lord is risen indeed." Soon there is a stir throughout the building and as the sun bursts above the mists in full Easter glory, all the girls, dressed in white, gather in the parlor to sing again together, "The Lord is risen indeed," and to hear the Resurrection story "As it began to dawn."

Every Easter morning the girls gather in this manner—and the service is one which all learn to love.

Lorraine W. Lomas

GENEVA STUNT DAY

Towards the end of the college year, Butler enjoys Geneva stunt day. All of the women's fraternities participate, the purpose being to raise money for the Young Women's Christian association to use in sending delegates to the Geneva Conference.

Almost every conceivable idea has been used; but I will only tell you about our last stunt day. Delta Delta Delta gave a charming doll story, involving the universal complications resulting from the love of two gentlemen, one handsome but fickle and the other homely but faithful, for one beautiful French doll. The doll becomes ill and the homely suitor makes a heroic sacrifice for her, so she falls in love with him. Pi Beta Phi gave a clever sketch portraying the wild imagination of a group of college girls whose talk is overheard by an ignorant servant who believes what she hears and tells her mistress, with humorous exaggerations, and involves the girls in complications. Delta Pi Omega, a local fraternity, gave representations from various literary pieces, including *Evangeline*. Kappa Kappa Gamma gave a Japanese sketch, some of the girls being dressed in beautiful Japanese costumes, while one of them sang selections from *Madame Butterfly*. We, Thetas, represented various advertisements, as "Fairy soap," "Gold dust," "Ham what am," et cetera, while one of our girls as a French salesman with high hat, grip, and all, announced our rare qualities.

Gamma

A UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN CUSTOM

The University of Michigan has for several years supported a hospital in Busrah, Arabia, in which the head physician is a Michigan graduate, and many of the nurses University of Michigan women. They have done great good there, by their medical aid to the hundreds of blind and sick who fill the streets of Arabia. Each spring it is customary to make a house to house canvass here to raise subscriptions for the support of the hospital. This is called "The Busrah campaign" and every student is given a chance to contribute. In this present war, under the protection of the Red Cross flag they have cared for the wounded soldiers from both the Turkish and British armies.

Doris E. Porter

THE NEWCOMB ALUMNÆ SHOW

Every fall the Newcomb alumnae association gives a vaudeville show for the benefit of the student loan fund. This fund originated some years ago and is used to purchase books for girls who cannot afford to buy them, as well as to lend money for tuition.

The annual entertainment is planned and managed by the alumnae without any assistance from the student body and only alumnae take part. As the whole affair is a secret until the day of the performance, great interest is aroused among the students as well as among the friends of the college.

There are two performances, in the afternoon and at night, at both of which the price of admission is only ten cents. The assembly hall is very crowded at each performance and the door receipts amount to about \$175.00.

The show, of course, consists of a number of acts of various sorts such as sketches, music, and dancing.

One of the most popular numbers at last year's performance was the Kap Al Ta symphony orchestra. This was made up of Thetas who played kazoos and who used instruments made to represent the regular orchestra instruments and decorated in Theta colors. Mabel Sivewright was drum major and among other numbers Mrs Black (Edna Niebergall) played a touching solo.

But the number which is most popular from year to year is the Gaiety Girls, who sing and dance in imitation of regular chorus girls.

This year two débutante alumnae gave dances illustrating how society girls may enjoy dances this winter in spite of the fact that a large number of our men are on the border.

These are but a few of the attractive numbers of the annual vaudeville shows as every skit that is presented contains many Newcomb jokes, the girls naturally find this show one of the most enjoyable customs of the college.

Miriam Delchamps

GOPHER DAY AT MINNESOTA

Gopher Day! How eagerly all students at Minnesota look forward to May 1 when the greatest of college books appears on the campus. For months before the day set, mysterious groups pass in and out of the Gopher Hole. Curious juniors ask the editors early in the winter what the saying is to be under their pictures. The reply always is "Just wait and see."

As early as six o'clock on May 1 people are lined up in front of the stands, which are erected in the center of the campus, to receive their *Gophers*. From the time they appear until late in the afternoon groups of twos and threes are seen scattered over the campus busily poring over the book. Shrieks of laughter here and groans there can be heard.

At nine o'clock in the evening couples begin to pour into the Armory for the annual Gopher Dance. Everyone in college is invited and scores of people make use of this opportunity. In years past it has been the custom to crown as Queen of the May the girl who has been chosen the most popular coed in college. Last year, however, this practice was done away with, but this does not lessen the enthusiasm and interest in Gopher Day.

Ellen Goodrich

WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY AT ALLEGHENY

On Washington's birthday all Allegheny, chaperoned by the faculty and returned alumni, participates in an informally formal banquet. This affair is held in the gymnasium. Each class is seated in its traditionally allotted corner. The seniors are placed opposite the sophomores, and the juniors are opposite the freshmen. This arrangement is so that the upperclass may give the favored underclass support, and also, to keep the antagonistic classes at the greatest distance from each other. The faculty and guests are placed in the center.

All plans and preparations for this banquet are made and carried out secretly. This is because the underclasses attend in costume, and the rivalry runs so high that anything in the line of jokes may be expected if one class is unfortunate enough to have her plans detected. The seniors appear for the first time in their black caps and gowns, while the juniors wear white caps and gowns with tassels and hoods of their class colors.

During the dinner, songs are sung by each class in its turn. These songs, which are usually parodies on some popular air, contain abundant sentiment. It is either rudely complimentary to the rival class or brazenly flattering to the one singing. Each has its yells which are shouted to an accompaniment made by claxons, whistles, electric sparks, blank cartridges, or any other instrument which makes a nerve-racking noise when it is manipulated properly.

The gymnasium always presents a very attractive and striking appearance; for beside the general decorations, each class tries to outdo the others in color effects and originality of design. For instance, one year the sophomores had their tables placed in a tent-shaped framework which gave the effect of an army mess tent. This tent together with the tables was highly decorated with bunting, flowers, and electric lights. The girls were dressed as Red-Cross nurses, and the men wore khaki uniforms. That same year the freshman corner was a veritable fairyland with the girls in fairy costumes and the men dressed as brownies.

After the dinner, the customary toasts are given. The faculty member who has been last on sabbatic leave, acts as toastmaster. Representatives of each class, of the faculty, and of the alumni respond.

Adelaide Singley

A WASHBURN CUSTOM

To have realistic reproductions of pictures by the great masters put before us in living pictures at Washburn college, is an annual custom which is growing in interest and appreciation.

To obtain a familiarity with art, the great artists and their masterpieces, was the original idea of the Living Picture exhibit. Noted pictures, represented by members of the art department and others, are presented. The subjects are posed, costumed, and lighted as the original pictures, great care being taken to reproduce costumes, colors, and forms with much accuracy. A brief explanation of each picture is given, telling something of the artist, and occasionally little stories in connection with the painting and characters in it.

The proceeds of the exhibition are used to buy copies of well-known paintings for the College.

STANFORD'S RALLY

The annual celebration before the "big game" is among the first on the list of Stanford customs.

'Twas the night, not before Christmas, but before the "big game." And yes, every creature was stirring, even the freshmen. Machines were lined up in front of the "Quad" like the front rank of a German regiment. Crowds of laughing, joking students, groups of older more sedate residents of Palo Alto mingled in the crowd and together became a moving, pushing mass of humanity. Above the hubbub of voices and laughter could be heard, every now and then, the "ya-hoo" of an especially enthusiastic and excited youth. Cowbells kept by their owners for just such occasions, tin horns left from last year's celebration, red lights casting a weird glow on the figures nearest it, each helped to add its special kind of excitement to the terrific noise and confusion. Such was the scene outside the Assembly hall the night before the "big game."

But inside, hard as it may be to believe, the noise and confusion were even worse, or if you prefer, even better. The fair maidens of the university looked down from their seats in the gallery—on a seething, billowing sea of enthusiastic men. Feet stamping and wild. Talk after talk followed, from captain, graduate manager, added volume to the ever increasing, never diminishing, quantity of sound. No wonder that a timid freshman the next morning could not translate his *Hermann und Dorothea* above a whisper.

On the stage the facsimile of Abraham Lincoln, the President of the university, sat with an immovable, mask-like expression on his face. In fact, he showed not the slightest sign that the noise was anywhere less than a block away. Unfolding his long limbs and stalking across the stage, the President rapped for order. Still the expressionless mask! Then a smile and with this the students went wild. Talk after talk followed, from captain, graduate manager, alumni, and former rugby favorites. One after the other was repaid for their prophecy of Stanford's victory by ear-splitting "locomotive" and "sky-rocket" yells. "Ya-hoo!" The tremendous yell echoed and echoed through the auditorium. Built like an ostrich with long neck and small head, feet like a human-being, humps like a camel, and with red and white stripes, the animal in question appeared. "Ya-hoo!" And the crowd ya-hooed in return till the roof nearly flew off. The Stanford "Ya-hoo" bird had made its début and although, shortly afterward, the University of California ended the bird's brilliant career, the Stanford students welcomed the new "jinx" as only Stanford students can.

With the white clad yell leaders, the "Ya-hoo," and the red and white bedecked band at their head, the crowd of noisy enthusiasts pushed, crowded, jostled, and yelled their way out of the auditorium, just as they had pushed, crowded, jostled, and yelled their way in. In a long wavering line, the rooters serpentine to the near-by field and set a match to the towering funeral pyre of Santa Clara—the result of many hours of weary work and sleepless nights for the freshmen.

Led by the burning torches of the yell leaders and the noisy band, the long line of stamping and shouting men danced a war dance around the cremating of Santa Clara. The flames shot up in one large sheet of fire fifty feet in the air and lit up the upturned faces of thousands of spectators as they watched Stanford burn Santa Clara dead, dead, dead!

Elizabeth Elliott

INTERCLASS SINGING

For nearly a quarter of a century May 1 has been observed at the University of Vermont as Founders'-day. Regular classes are excused, and the day is given over to military, literary, and other exercises. On Founders'-day, 1914, a new feature was introduced, which has since become a well established custom. Directly after the formal exercises of the morning are ended, an interclass singing contest is held for the possession of the Elias Lyman cup, which was presented for the purpose of increasing interest in singing at Vermont. The students and their friends gather on the campus, while, beginning with the seniors, one class at a time surrounds the statue

of Lafayette and sings two college songs. After the four classes have sung, every one joins in singing *Champlain*, our college hymn, while the judges are deciding which class has earned the cup. These contests have been successful in arousing interest in college singing. Many original class and college songs have been composed, and some novel variations have been introduced in their presentation.

Pearl M. Grandy

SPRING CLEAN-UP DAY

We believe in practicing economy in everything except spirit; but in that one thing we indulge ourselves to the greatest possible extent. Just at the time when the spring fever germ gets into our blood and the number of campus strollers daily increases, we are allowed to indulge ourselves in a holiday—a holiday to the extent that we do not have recitations. We don our old clothes, that is, we are supposed to; but some of our fair ones take this opportunity to blossom out in striking new sport clothes; we bring a certain amount of food which is deposited in the gymnasium; we also bring whatever we can find in the way of rakes, hoes, spades, et cetera; and if we have a vehicle that will run, anything from a wheelbarrow to the newest model Packard, we usher it forth. The result of all this is clean-up-day on the college campus.

We are divided into squads and assigned to certain quarters of the campus, with a captain to superintend us whom we cannot bribe for leave of absence even if we wished to do it. We rake, hoe, dig, plant flowers, and in general, make gardeners of ourselves for a day. And if you could only see our spotless campus when we have finished. We are generally through by noon, and then we file into the gymnasium where we refresh ourselves on the aforementioned food. For a while we amuse ourselves taking pictures and playing games, then in the chapel we have an entertainment, consisting of clever songs, sketches, and poems composed by the students. After every one has had his share of "slams," we re-arouse our athletic enthusiasm by singing college and athletic songs, followed by a baseball game. This ends our "perfect day."

The idea, other than economy on this day, is to foster real democratic college spirit. We all make an effort to get acquainted with fraternity or non-fraternity people, if we do not know them, and if we do know them, we mingle with them in a truly democratic manner. Here's to clean-up-days and democracy forever!

THE SENIOR SIWASH SOCIAL

Everyone at Indiana university watches the *Daily Student* along about Christmas time for the "Siwash gamble." You see, it is the big Senior party, which corresponds to the Junior prom and one

can find any sort of amusement there, from dancing to a game of "Twenty questions." Instead of Mr Brown calling up Miss Jones, a pretty member of his graduating class, and asking for the honor of her company . . . et cetera, Mr Brown awaits, somewhat breathlessly, the decision of the Siwash committee. This body meets in deep secrecy and their equipment is two hats and as many bits of paper as there are seniors. After they have had their meeting Mr Brown probably discovers that he is to go with Miss Smith, whom he has secretly but firmly adored for four years. Miss Jones is just as apt to have to go with some one whom she abhors, and so there they are!

All in all, it is just a fine big party where every senior belongs, and the ones who are bashful or don't dance . . . or both, leave college with the recollection of at least one gay time in their college lives.

Ruth White

SYRACUSE WOMEN'S DAY

Women's Day, celebrated annually at Syracuse university on the second Saturday in May, is the most important day of the college year for Syracuse college women. All college work and outside activities are then set aside, for every one joins in the holiday spirit. The purpose of the day's activities is to develop deeper college loyalty and to foster a greater unification of interests among the women of our university—a purpose that induces many alumnæ to return for the festivities.

The festivities are in charge of Eta Pi Upsilon, the honorary senior society for women. The day begins with a May morning breakfast, held in the picturesque grounds of the Margaret Olivia Slocum teachers' college. More than a thousand outdoor breakfasts are served, and the proceeds make a fund for delegates to the Young Women's Christian association conference at Silver Bay, New York. After the breakfast, worthy professors and curious men students are banished from the "castle" grounds; and the rest of the morning given to the interclass track meet and the college championship tennis match.

In the afternoon comes the pageant, in which all classes take part. The May Queen, who is chosen from the senior class, is the guest of honor at this time. After the pageant, honorary medals are presented—one to the most representative woman in the junior class, and one to the sophomore most prominent in athletics.

At sundown, basket suppers are enjoyed in the Teachers' college grounds where the women group themselves according to classes, and hold sings in the twilight.

The evening celebration consists of "the lantern ceremony," which takes place on Crouse hill, one of the most prominent and beautiful parts of our campus. The black robed seniors, who, in the darkness are like a dim shadowy mass, form with lanterns the year of their class. The singing of the Alma Mater then brings the day's festivities to a close.

Ruth Kenney

DANDELION DAY

A visitor to Washington university in May would be astonished, if novelty were not become the fashion, to see the campus a-bloom with a new species of flowers: of color dark, in size varied, with name *genus homo*. Closer botanical inspection reveals them to be freshman boys. Tradition—and I think the grandfather of the person who invented this tradition must have been a canny Scotch gardener—has made it compulsory that for half an hour on a certain Wednesday morning in May, freshman boys must root up the dandelions on the first quadrangle. All the Beau Brummels of the freshman class don their old suits, and, armed with butcher knives and baskets, scamper in dignified manner on hands and knees from one yellow patch to another; while the admiring coeds watch from the walks and windows and the sub-sub-janitor sighs blissfully at the thought of escaping such a loathsome job. After an agitated fifteen minutes, the contestants reassume their normal posture, bring the rewards of their labor up to a row of baskets presided over by members of Student Council, and then each gives the name of some girl in the freshman class; for—this is the reason for the feverish activity—each plant counts as a vote for the most popular girl in the class, and of course every gallant wants the temporary object of his affections to be chosen. Each offering is counted; the votes recorded on a large blackboard, and, finally, the winning girl is brought forth from her hiding place in the audience and crowned with a wreath of white roses. The President of the Student Council then introduces her as the most popular girl in the freshman class and so goes down the record in the next year's Year-book.

Jean Brookes

A CORRECTION

In the article *What alumnae chapters did in 1916* in the January 1917 issue is a slip for which we beg the pardon of two alumnae chapters. On page 160, line 2 please substitute "Evanston alumnae" for "Chicago alumnae." Thank you. Chicago alumnae's work for the year was helping with Portland alumnae's musical protégé's progress; while Evanston alumnae proved its good citizenship by its work for the much needed women's building at its neighbor's, Northwestern university.

GAMMA'S BIRTHDAY PARTY

There is a charm and reminiscent appeal about anniversaries that has caused people of all times to honor them. The most prosaic mind responds to the subtle atmosphere of celebration and enriches its finely woven tapestry of memory fabric. And so it pleases us to honor our birthdays as befits the beginning of our very busy and at least individually important existences.

For a long time we have duly celebrated the anniversary of the founding of Theta—it is a custom we will always observe as long as the fraternity exists. But to some capable Gamma Theta or group of Gamma Thetas came the bright idea of celebrating Gamma's birthday with a big Gamma home-coming and the idea carried a great deal of its own momentum unfolding itself beautifully into two grand occasions. It was too successful to go unsung and we are hoping that our experience may be that of many more chapters, active and alumnae.

Our active Gamma chapter wrote hundreds of little notes inviting their chapter sisters everywhere to the home-coming and indicated a tea and a dinner as extra inducements. These little notes followed old Gamma Thetas east, west, north, and south and asked that a written greeting be supplied in case of their inability to come. Be it to the credit of Theta loyalty and interest, the majority came and those who were too far away, or for whom it was otherwise impossible, sent most inspiring greetings.

The tea, which was most charmingly appointed, was given at the home of Mrs Edward Kingsbury in Irvington. The black and gold scheme was carried out in all the decorations, great clusters of golden chrysanthemums in tall French baskets tied with black tulle being arranged through all the rooms. In the receiving line was one representative of the original Gamma chapter, Mrs Cora Campbell Barnett, and Mrs J. W. Atherton, Mrs Hugh Wilkinson, Mrs Claris Adams, Mrs Walter Krull, Mrs H. R. McKinstry and Miss Margaret Axtell, all members of the chapter at the time of the charter's reinstatement following the increase to Theta requirements of the college's student body.

A delightful informal program was given by Miss Mary Louise Rumpler who sang a group of songs; Miss India Wilson who played violin selections; Miss Louise Stewart, violinist, and Miss Lola Connor, pianist. Mrs Krull and Mrs Barnett, representing the two chapters, presided at the tea table decorated with the chrysanthemums and lighted by the yellow candles in crystal holders tied with black tulle.

From the tea the guests hurried to the home of Mrs Hilton U. Brown, also in Irvington, where at six o'clock a delightful dinner was served. Here, too, the house was made beautiful with large bunches of the yellow chrysanthemums and black tulle bows.

After the dinner the active Gamma chapter had charge of the program and the scene of gayety and noise changed to one of solemnity and quiet, fraught with memories of our active days. First we sang the prayer and then repeated the Bible chapter. It was interesting to note how word perfect even the older ones were, there was no halting or indecision, the lines had not been forgotten though the time was long since they were regularly employed. Then followed the chapter roll and each Theta in response to her name rose and made her presence known in the old familiar way. Those who were absent were brought very close by their greetings and wishes of good cheer. To the memory of Mrs Leland Huey (Lela Duke) a beautiful tribute was read extolling her charm, intelligence, and loveliness. She is the only Gamma girl we knew intimately who has died and though the reminder made us feel keenly her absence it made her spiritual presence very vivid.

After the roll was complete we formed the chain while the *Theta Prayer* was sung. Then this year's pledges gave their very clever stunt and the evening ended as it commenced midst great hilarity and fellowship.

With us this celebration will be annually observed and we hope it will appeal to you who have a birthday coming. To you who have, Gamma sends her congratulations and wishes for many happy returns.

Marie Pritchard Mullane

INTERNATIONAL

TUNE—ADAM WAS A GARDENER

Come Easterners, come Westerners, come North and South,
O come!
And learn from Sigma chapter what you'll never learn at home.
We have some information that we hope will please you all.
We're the guys that put the "inter" inter "International."

Ten years ago a local club we thought we'd like to be,
But promptly we decided to ask for K A T.
The joyful news that came to us in answer to our call,
Gave us the right to put the "inter" inter "International."

As Theta was the first in this world now to be.
So Theta was the first to enter U. of T.
And following in her footsteps, fraternities one and all.
Do try to put the "inter" inter "International."

OUR COLLEGES

In 563 colleges in the United States there were last year 221,599 undergraduate students, 141,836 men and 79,763 women. The faculties of these institutions number 26,636 men professors, and 5,931 women.

In just 39 of these institutions has Kappa Alpha Theta chapters, being represented in one or more colleges in 25 different states.

In state universities we have 20 chapters, that is, we are represented in the public universities of 18 states, for in Indiana and in Washington each, we have chapters in two state supported universities, namely at Indiana university and the University of Washington, emphasizing liberal arts, and at Purdue and Washington state college, emphasizing vocational training.

The University of Toronto should be included, perhaps, in this group, as it is under the control of government. Also, the University of Cincinnati, the one municipal university on our rolls, is a publicly supported college.

In church supported or established colleges we have 10 chapters. Is there any relation between our founding in a Methodist Episcopal college and the fact that 8 of these church colleges are Methodist colleges?—namely De Pauw, Allegheny, Northwestern, Syracuse, Goucher, Vanderbilt, Lawrence, and Randolph-Macon. One, Butler, was established by the Christian church, and the other church college is Swarthmore, a Friends university.

Then there are 7 chapters in privately endowed, non-sectarian colleges. Of these, three were established through the original gift of one individual or family, namely Cornell, Stanford, and Newcomb; while the other four, Washington (St. Louis), Adelphi, Washburn, and Pittsburgh, represent composite endowments.

All the colleges where we have chapters are coeducational except four. One of these, Newcomb, is the women's department of Tulane university, so is not strictly a women's college but belongs in the affiliated college class with Radcliffe, Barnard, et cetera. The three strictly women's colleges are Goucher, Adelphi (which began life as a coeducational college), and Randolph-Macon.

Of our 39 college chapters, 28 are in Phi Beta Kappa colleges and 17 also in Sigma Xi colleges.

In the much discussed college ranking lists issued in 1914 by the Bureau of education, 22 of the colleges where we have chapters are ranked in Class I, 11 in Class I*; and 5 in Class II. The University of Toronto is not included, as not in the United States, but would undoubtedly be in Class I. This list, as the Bureau was careful to explain, though the press ignored the explanation, was based purely upon a study of colleges from the viewpoint of their preparation of students for graduate work. Class I represents colleges whose

graduates could, without any trouble, enter any graduate school and secure an A.M. in one college year; Class I*, colleges whose graduates could do this if they had pursued their undergraduate courses in the liberal arts or science departments; Class II, colleges whose graduates would probably have to spend more than one college year in working for an A.M.

As a number of first-rate independent colleges put all emphasis on well-rounded undergraduate life, such a basis for ranking does not mean that Class II colleges are not first class. All colleges in these three classes require full entrance credits, 15 units, and four years' college work for a bachelor's degree.

Beside the 39 colleges where we have chapters, there are 50 more in these lists where there are established chapters of women's national fraternities and at least 30 other colleges with local fraternities ambitious for national charters. Is it any wonder the subject of extension is a problem in each of the eighteen national fraternities for women?

The age of the colleges where we have chapters is interesting. Vermont is the oldest, established in 1791. Before 1820 two others were started, namely Allegheny and Indiana. De Pauw belongs to 1837, Toronto, Lawrence, and Wisconsin to the 1840 decade. By 1853 Butler, Northwestern, and Washington (St. Louis) were established. Then came Washington (Seattle) in 1861, and following the civil war came Washburn, 1865; Kansas, 1866; and in 1868 four colleges, Cornell, California, Illinois, and Minnesota, while three more represent 1869, Swarthmore, Nebraska, and Purdue.

In the same year as Theta was founded comes the establishment of Syracuse, Cincinnati, Ohio State; then in 1872 Vanderbilt, and in 1876 Oregon. In the 80 decade come North Dakota, South Dakota, Texas, Goucher, and Newcomb. In the 90 decade, Washington (Pullman), Stanford, Oklahoma, Randolph-Macon, Montana, and Adelphi, the youngest of them all, established in 1896.

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The attitude of the girl in the chapter house toward the chaperon should be that of scholar to teacher, of sister to sister, of daughter to mother. She must first of all be respectful, helpful, obedient without resentment, but above all she must be loyal—by loyal we mean loyal within and without the house, in action, speech, and thought. She should do nothing without the house which is not in accordance with the house rules, she must speak no word of condemnation or criticism to the outside world, which is so ready to criticise, enlarge upon, and judge as the usual in chapter house life—and never should she allow disloyal thoughts to ferment in her mind for they always lead to disloyal speech and actions. Fight them with might and main. Be as loyal to your chaperon as you are to your fraternity sister.—K K T.

RELATION OF THE FRATERNITY TO COLLEGE LIFE

Why is there so much bitter feeling toward fraternities? Why is there a continual agitation of antifraternity legislation? Why do the leaders in Christian movements take such a determined stand against fraternities? Why? Because as a whole fraternities have been selfish and have not exerted a lasting influence for a better, higher type of college life.

Can Kappa Alpha Theta be criticised on this ground? Is it an indisputable fact that wherever there is a Theta chapter the college life is better because of that chapter's influence?

In working for honors in the Efficiency contest, as the chapters strive to get high percentages in grades, participation in college activities, democracy, attitude toward faculty, they bring necessarily an indirect influence for worth-while things in the life of the college. Again, as each chapter tries to rank higher than other fraternities on the campus, new standards are brought into the student life. But it is narrow and wrong to be satisfied with these goals, the standing of the chapter and the standing of the fraternity, worthy and important as they are. What of the standing of the life of the college? Kappa Alpha does not exist for itself, but for the student life of the United States. Its aim is not merely influence for good within the fraternity, but influence for good among all, especially all college students. A girl is asked to become a Theta not that she may alone give to the fraternity but that she, possessing its ennobling ideals, may give more to her college. Moreover, the fraternity member by virtue of her privilege and training for noble womanhood should be expected to see the faults and weaknesses in the life of her Alma Mater and then do her utmost to aid in their correction or elimination.

In how many chapter meetings are the conditions of the life of the college discussed at length and thoughtfully? Some one objects, "One chapter can't change a whole college." But it can be done—by leaders. For instance there is sweeping over a student body a craze for dancing, elaborate and too numerous parties, all of which have a detrimental effect on college activities, grades, wholesome fun, et cetera. The Kappa Alpha Theta group should realize that this extravagant kind of social life is wrong, and taking a stand against it, entertain fewer times and less elaborately—and not be afraid of becoming unpopular in so doing. The extreme dress of college girls is being severely criticised in most parts of this country. Let the Thetas wear sensible college and evening clothes and set the good example for all others in that particular community to follow. At times the college spirit is at low ebb; there is lack of interest in athletics; the debate teams receive no support; class affairs are stupid, et cetera. The Theta chapter can do wonders there in

building up a loyal student body if each member realizes her individual responsibility and power. Again, it happens often that bitter, jealous feelings, foolish and unnecessary, exist between the campus groups. One chapter working faithfully and consistently toward a spirit of friendliness can bring harmony and congeniality among the students. These weaknesses mentioned are but few, and perhaps unimportant in comparison with existing conditions, but undoubtedly there is much to be remedied.

Chapters, don't eternally emphasize "our" chapter, "our" fraternity. Stop now and then in the midst of planning for yourselves, and plan for "our" college! And if you make every effort to have the greatest influence for good in your college community you may be sure that neither the rank of your chapter or the rank of your fraternity can be surpassed.

Frances L. Perry, Topeka alumnae

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PLANS

ALPHA: Perhaps the most apparent improvement in the chapter life this year has been the careful organization of the freshman pledges. As this was begun before the plans in the *Bimonthly* were received, we have congratulated ourselves upon anticipating the national program. The idea has worked splendidly. With their president, treasurer, and regular meetings at which a senior is present part of the time to convey any messages from the active chapter, the freshmen have shown a new responsibility for both college grades and fraternity education.

GAMMA: As to scholarship, we have a contest, freshmen and juniors versus sophomores and seniors for the highest average; losers to treat winners to a big dinner.

We have put the freshman meetings in charge of our adviser, Miss Cotton, and have also carried out a good plan of personal criticisms both for actives and for pledges.

DELTA: To encourage scholarship, we have a loving-cup on which Delta's rank in relation to other groups is engraved each semester.

These two rules also encourage good work and health: (1) Freshmen are allowed only three dates a week and only one of these can be between Sunday and Friday. This rule has been so firmly fixed in freshmen's minds for so many years that now upperclassmen observe it without a thought; (2) both freshmen and upperclassmen, if reported below 80 per cent in any subject, forfeit their dates.

Thanks to Helene Doty, we have worked out and successfully started the budget system for house, commissary, and fraternity finances.

ETA: We hold senior meetings, very informal discussions of the needs of the chapter and ways we are falling short of our aims. There are always problems to be met of which the solution can often be suggested better in such small meetings.

A new plan is for seniors and postgraduates to act as tutors in their major subjects for underclassmen. These sessions, conducted as regular tutoring lessons, are part of regular chapter work. The aim is to have the freshmen feel that we are both ready and glad to do this for them.

We have started a plan, also, of reading in meeting the semester marks of each member. To help college life intellectually is the chart, published by the university, of the comparative standings of all men's and women's fraternities, house clubs, and league houses. Once a year a copy of this chart is sent to every house.

Another plan, lately suggested by Panhellenic, is to award a loving-cup to the girl having the highest academic standing, with her name and her fraternity engraved thereon. The award is to be made at a party to be attended by the two girls with highest standing from each fraternity represented in Panhellenic.

A very pleasant plan of the year is that of our "faculty dinners." Every two weeks during the year, we entertain two faculty men and their wives, or prominent university visitors, lecturers, or artists.

We have had afternoon tea and bridge parties, very informal and friendly, to which are invited other girls on the campus, both fraternity and independent. A movement has started also among our college women for "neighborhood parties." The community is divided into districts. Each district is entertained once a month by one house, all league and fraternity houses in the district being invited.

IOTA: The great achievement of the year is the establishment of a chapter house to help solve the housing problem of our university. The house is completed, we are living in it and enjoying it immensely. When we tell you that our *alumnæ* responded so enthusiastically and generously to our calls for aid, that the house is furnished without one dollar of indebtedness, you will understand the real service to Cornell this house represents.

LAMBDA: Our chapter has a plan this year for criticisms which we think quite efficient. One of the girls gave us an old-fashioned teapot and in this we drop our criticisms. Every month our marshal opens the pot and reads the suggestions.

To stimulate scholarship interest we have the marks of each member read in meeting twice a semester. Mrs Nelson presented the university with a cup in memory of her daughter, Mabel Nelson Jacobs, to be awarded to the fraternity having the highest scholarship. We, Theta girls, won it this year much to our joy. Mrs

Jacobs being one of our alumnae made it a double pleasure. We have it in our rooms and are very proud of it and anxious to win the privilege of keeping it next year too.

To aid college spirit and create a more friendly feeling among the girls, we gave a series of teas at our rooms. Our senior and sophomore girls have each given a party to the other girls in their respective classes.

MU: One success of the year was a series of talks given by the seniors, in turn, to the pledges while the rest of the chapter was holding the weekly meeting.

A second plan is the subscribing for three popular and highly recommended periodicals which publish only current events and treatises on modern topics. These magazines are sent to the fraternity rooms, so that the girls have no difficulty in finding them whenever they wish to read. The magazines are well read.

Another plan was for each girl to write to some few alumnae, telling them of the chapter news for the fall and urging them to return for initiation. These letters are in addition to the printed invitations which are sent out annually, and to the annual news letter sent late in the spring.

OMEGA: The fall semester was particularly successful in increasing in the chapter the feeling of fellowship among the girls and that sense of unity, so indefinable, but so instantly felt.

Our meetings have been made more interesting by the systematic study on fraternity education, which helps us to keep in touch with the national fraternity business.

A recent change in our financial system, whereby regular dues and the payment of shares in the House association—come under one treasurer, promises to simplify greatly the collections.

We have also a new and improved plan for the supervision of scholarship. Every lowerclassman must have a specially appointed upperclassman adviser to whom she reports each week and who is directly responsible for the freshman in her charge.

Another innovation is the required attendance of all Thetas at University meetings.

ALPHA BETA: Plans for improving chapter life are—a series of parties in the form of hikes, picnics, et cetera, given in turn by the classes; an endeavor to make the irregular exercises in meetings as personal as possible, and applicable to both individual and chapter aims.

For increasing scholarship interest we have a study hall every evening where absolute quiet is maintained; and there is the strictest enforcement of the "c" average requirement for attendance at chapter social functions.

To help college life we attempt to be represented in all phases of college activities.

ALPHA GAMMA: Beside the individual efforts of all members, we have printed slips which are signed by our professors once a month to encourage good work. On these slips is stated the number of absences from class, daily standing or quiz work, mid-term grades and general status. This is most helpful as students can talk over their weaknesses with their professors. Also, if a member fails or conditions anything this semester, she will be considered inactive and will have to forfeit her privileges in the chapter.

Our main aim in college life now is to promote the interest in the new Women's union, which will benefit all the women students.

ALPHA IOTA: We have recently revised and amended our By-laws, striking out all indefinite passages and inserting new precise ones. The chapter has adopted a policy of limiting evening dates to three nights a week in order to insure better scholarship.

ALPHA MU: Achievements of the year are—the establishment of a study hall for underclassmen, the selling of tags for the college year-book, active cooperation in the student body's support of President Hill.

ALPHA XI: Although we have not yet achieved our aim as first in scholarship, we have raised our position six points this year.

In the house there is the finest cooperation between the Head of the house and the upperclassmen, and the seven-thirty quiet hour is being most rigidly enforced.

Socially we have inaugurated a series of teas, one on the fourth Thursday of each month. The guests are town mothers, faculty members, and other university women.

We are very proud of our rushing activities, for the Panhellenic board gave us credit of being the "Cleanest" rushers on the campus this year. Our rushing expenses were lower than those of any other fraternity here, too.

ALPHA OMICRON: Chapter achievements of the winter are—(1) supervised study hall for those falling below the fraternity average; (2) for the freshmen, advisers who can best help them with the work in which they are weakest; (3) a schedule for the underclassmen, supervised by advisers; (4) rules regulating and limiting social engagements; (5) a new chapter house with new furnishings.

ALPHA PI: A chart has been placed on the chapter house bulletin board, on which each girl is required to record her cuts. Through the establishment of the Faculty exchange, reports from instructors are now much easier to obtain.

We instituted a Theta tea to be an annual event on home-coming day for all alumni and seniors. The alumni of the university expressed great approval of this plan.

ALPHA TAU: Each girl must now make to the chapter a report each month of her grades. We now plan to substitute for the oral report a chart on which the grades shall be registered monthly, thus keeping a record automatically and having a basis for comparison.

The pledges have been coached when necessary, and their interest in scholarship stimulated by reports on it to the chapter, and by the prize, a Theta badge, to be awarded to the pledge making the best record for the semester.

ALPHA PHI: To encourage scholarship we, too, have adopted the plan of grades read in chapter meeting each quarter. A prize is to go to the girl with the highest average for the year, and there is keen competition for first place.

To improve chapter life, we have centered our attention on the furnishing of our chapter room. The room is to be repapered and tinted and made just as comfortable and cozy as possible.

To help college life we decided to make a special effort to be nice to the independent girls and to invite them to our room frequently and there to make them feel welcome. Not only have we decided this, but we have been practicing it to the best of our ability.

ALPHA PSI: One of the professors said that last fall was a big term for the girls, because Panhellenic gave the first all college party and the first women's indoor track meet was held. This term the women have gone further and organized an athletic association. Thetas have done their share in bringing each of these undertakings to a successful issue. Beside, we were the only women's fraternity to respond to the invitation to put on a stunt at the college minstrel show last term. Our pledges started interfraternity hospitality by giving a tea for the pledges of all the fraternities.

EVO-LU

TUNE—SWEET ADELINE

O Evo-lu, O Evo-lu.

There's nothing in the world that she can't do.

She said to the monkey, "I'll make a man of you,"

And she did, too—

But the best thing she did was what she did for me,

She made me into a K A T.

And for that I'll ever grateful be

To Eva, Iva, Ova, Evo-lution.

(Repeat last line slowly and softly.)

Marjorie Rodgers, Alpha Upsilon

THE INN AT CHARLEVOIX-THE-BEAUTIFUL

Combining historical interest with the picturesque, Charlevoix-the-Beautiful readily appeals to the realm of the imagination. The visitors will find here a city of 3,000 inhabitants, nestling on the east shore of Lake Michigan, about 60 miles from the Straits of Mackinac—in the heart of the Michigan resort country. The scenery is varied, rugged, picturesque; the city itself comprises beautiful homes erected on well laid out and carefully maintained streets.

Less than a mile east of Lake Michigan is Pine lake—an inland expanse of water—on the westerly flank of which runs the Pere Marquette railroad.

Completely surrounded by a dense growth of giant trees is the Inn—perhaps the best conducted summer resort in the north country—which is built on the first of a series of terraces which rise gradually from Pine lake. To the north of the Inn is a strip of virgin hardwood; to the south is Round lake, forming a waterway connecting Pine lake with Lake Michigan, and making a safe harbor. An artistic touch has been given to the landscape architecture which blends well with the beauties of nature. In front of the main entrance of The Inn there is a fountain and pool. Once the threshold of The Inn has been gained one enters an attractive lobby, furnished with scores of easy chairs, writing desks, and all those additional requisites that make for comfort. To the right of the main lobby is the dining-room, Dutch room, billiard hall, and grill-room, all on the ground floor, and the verandahs are the rendezvous of pleasant little parties.

The chief end and aim of the Pere Marquette railroad in the operation of The Inn is to please patrons and to offer the finest service and entertainment provided by any resort. Its management is under the charge of Mr. Andrew I. Creamer, who also conducts The Highland Pines Inn, Southern Pines, North Carolina. He is surrounded with the same efficient staff, which has contributed so much to Mr. Creamer's success.

YOUR STORY

"Don't you think that the Murillo Madonna ought to be hung at least four feet away from the Mophisto?" asked a weary senior as she hung the latest gifts of the alumnæ on the newly decorated walls of the living-room.

"What's the difference?" answered a sophomore who was being duly chastened and strengthened for the race of her first rushing season. "The freshmen will be so stunned with the elegance of these new furnishings and the brilliancy of the offices we hold that they wouldn't be able to notice if St. Michael stood on his head."

"Greetings, sisters. Don't listen to such infantile wisdom. Help me," shouted a junior as she burst through the door, and the pillows piled high in her arms slipped down onto the newly varnished window seat. "That kind of talk makes me shiver. Didn't you know the Delta Phis have a new grand piano, not paid for, of course; the Alpha Omegas have a sun parlor; the Omicrons have a new furnace and two new bath tubs; everybody has something new and is working just as hard as we are, and, . . .," she paused for breath.

"And we have Janet for our president," declaimed a senior oratorically from the top of a step ladder as she waved a feather duster. "Believe me, it must make our dearest rivals break a commandment when they think of Janet and her honors. She will lead us on to victory in something more than rushing season. She is assured of election to Phi Beta Kappa now, nothing below A—straight through. A school has been offered her when she has her degree. Just think of her offices, president of the Women's student council, on Self-government cabinet, Senior adviser of the Women's league and all her dramatics, too."

"How she does it all is more than I can see," sighed the irrepressible sophomore. "When she talked to me that night by the fireside at the mountain house-party, it was all up with me. I wish she were here now. I have got something important to ask her."

"'When in doubt ask Janet' is the slogan of this house," replied the girl who was putting up fresh curtains.

"She'll be here on the eight o'clock train tonight. Too bad her father isn't well. She wanted to have been here several days before registration. Thought she ought to, you know. Puritan conscience. Ought to be on her job early and all that sort of thing," said Janet's laconic room-mate. "No need though. As house-manager she closed the house last spring. Had all the bedding cleaned, silver in the safe, linen checked, made an inventory of the storeroom, had the accounts balanced and paid every single bill. First manager of this chapter that ever did. Ought to be thanked by the President of the university."

"Sure, we all know it. Let's hurry and finish everything before she comes. Let's not work her to death in her last year," insisted a quiet junior, draping Chinese embroidery over the cracks in the weary piano.

All day hammers, dusters, mops, packages, and girls flew back and forth from floor to floor of the chapter house. By night the rooms had the "something is going to happen air." The door-bell with its new battery rang like a clarion through the halls.

"It's Janet," shouted someone, and a stampede followed; but it was not Janet at all, only a sad little telegram telling of her father's death and the necessary delay in her arrival.

"What can we do?" was asked over and over again. The critical days passed slowly and anxiously, but still there was no word from Janet. Almost the entire chapter had returned. "Something must have happened!" was the next cry. Girls flattened their noses on the front windows as they watched for the postman. A week went round with many problems for only Janet to settle. Finally there came a thin letter addressed to the chapter. Waveringly the corresponding secretary read Janet's resignation from the presidency and withdrawal from the chapter, and protestations of good wishes. There was no money for college in the family exchequer.

Gloom settled on the new furnishings. Plans carefully made in the spring fell as naught. The big fire in the chapter-room died to ashes before anyone had any constructive ideas. Then the irrepressible sophomore rose from her seat on the floor and shook out her new tailor-made.

"I have it! Janet shall come back. There's the Scholarship fund! She can answer every requirement of the committee. Isn't it wonderful to have all that money ready for just such emergencies? Thanks be . . ."

"Uh," said the upperclassmen, and then looked at each other in distress.

"What's the matter?" demanded the sophomore.

"Uh," reiterated the upperclassmen. "This chapter has given almost nothing to the Scholarship fund. Can we ask this? The committee has twenty-six loans out now. When we write, will there be enough money in the treasury for Janet?"

You answer, Dear Reader, this question.

CONVENTION

Stop! look! listen! The dates for convention have been changed for various but sufficient reasons. Our only regret is that they could not be shifted still later, as so many colleges inconsiderately have Commencement scheduled for the last week of June this year, but no hotel—large enough to hold us—is available after the season opens, and that fatal opening date is always July 1.

The plan, of which details in next issue, is for the special parties to leave Chicago at noon on Monday, June 25, and Detroit at one o'clock of the same day. The two parties will join forces at Grand Rapids late on the same afternoon. The special train will then be due to arrive at Charlevoix in time for a late breakfast on Tuesday, June 26.

Convention will continue throughout the week and the official departure from Charlevoix will be in the late afternoon of Sunday, July 1, 1917.

Remember you are to be there. Don't forget the place is Charlevoix-the-beautiful. Bear in mind those dates, June 26 to July 1.

SCHOLARSHIP, 1915-17

College	College Average	All Women Average	Fraternity Women Aver.	K A Θ Average	K A Θ Rank	First Rank To	With Average	
Adelphi.....	No	data	available					
Allegheny.....	No data	Apx. 4	4.09	4.11	3d	K K Γ	4.17	
Butler.....	76.43	78.49	80.30	79.78	1st sem. 2d 2d sem. 4th	Δ Δ Δ	81.85	
California.....	No data	2.033	2.029	1.888	2d	A Φ	1.828	
Cincinnati.....	No	data	2.56	2.67	2d	K Δ	2.73	
Cornell.....	No	data	available					
De Pauw.....	No	data	?	?	2d tie with K K Γ	A X Ω	?	
Goucher.....	Report	card not	returned					
Illinois.....	81.68	82.92	84.36	86.64	1st	K A Θ	86.64	
Indiana.....	83.53	87.31	86.67	88.48	1st	K A Θ	88.48	2d sem.
Kansas.....	68.61	79.66	84.38	92.11	1st	K A Θ	92.11	
Lawrence.....	83.43	85.17	86.2	85.52	4th	A Δ Π	87.49	
Michigan.....	?	?	?	?	9th	Π B Φ	?	
Minnesota.....	No	data	1.247	1.317	4th	Σ B	1.447	
Missouri.....	95.4	100.3	101.7	101	5th	Δ Γ	107	
Montana.....	Report	card	not	returned				
Nebraska.....	No data	246.4	249.9	271.4	2d	Δ Δ Δ	277.8	1st sem.
		261.3	262	283.4	3d	Δ Γ	293.6	2d sem.
Newcomb.....	No	data	85.53	88.5	1st	K A Θ	88.5	
North Dakota.....	82.23	No data	87.27	87.04	3d	Δ Γ	87.56	
Northwestern.....	1.3594	No data	1.5851	1.6868	5th	A Φ	1.8352	
Ohio State.....	No	data		159.69	9th	Π B Φ	237.49	
Oklahoma.....	No	data	4.22	4.39	3d	Π B Φ	4.56	
Oregon.....	2.100	No	data	1.829	12th	Women's dormitory	2.467	1st sem.
	1.966			1.992			2.388	2d sem.

College	College Average	All Women Average	Fraternity Women Aver.	K A Θ Average	K A Θ Rank	First Rank To	With Average	
Pittsburgh.....	No	data	available	returned				
Purdue.....	Report	card	not					
Randolph-Macon.....	No	data	available					
South Dakota.....	31st place	6th place	No data					
Stanford.....	75.7	80.9	79.5	79.89	4th	Φ Γ Φ	82.8	1st sem. 2d sem.
Swarthmore.....	No data	1.6668	1.7942	1.5958	3d	Δ Δ Δ	1.9128	
		1.6717	1.6823	1.5322	4th	Π Β Φ	2.0352	
Syracuse.....	No	data	78.927	80.43	3d	Δ Γ	81	
Texas.....	6.11	5.98	No data	5.86	8th	Γ Φ Β	6.41	
Toronto.....	No	data	available			Κ Κ Γ		
Vanderbilt.....	78.2	81.15	81.2	81	2d	Δ Δ Δ	81.5	
Vermont.....	74.43	80.63	84.17	85.50	1st	Κ Α Θ	85.50	
Washburn.....	No	data	available					
Washington (Pullman).....	No	data	available					
Washington (St. Louis).....	No	data	available					
Washington (Seattle).....	90.216	98.231	97.310	116.925	1st	Κ Α Θ	116.925	
Wisconsin.....	81.9	84.1	82.6	84.95	1st	Κ Α Θ	84.95	

Pertinent queries are: Is your chapter grade equal to the all women average? To the fraternity women average? How can you raise your chapter's average?

COLLEGE CHAPTER CUSTOMS

"The mem'ry of the past will stay
And half our joys renew."

And so it is that fraternities cherish and yearly enrich those events, whose pleasures and profits have developed the *esprit de corps* of the group, and whose repetition make every alumna eager to return for such celebrations.

Call them customs, traditions, official holidays, or what not, all organizations, from a great nation to an humble family, find such personal occasions essential for the development of that consciousness of unity so necessary to success and so precious in inspiration.

To celebrate something or other, seems a necessary excuse for grown-ups to permit themselves the natural expression of their play-spirit. This is especially true of the ultra-serious and dignified old-age of undergraduate days. While we may well wonder how quickly something becomes a "college custom" or "tradition," and sometimes feel indignant regret at the ease with which what was, in our day, a "well established custom" is discarded to make way for a "new tradition," we rejoice at the establishment of each excuse for a genuine get-together.

That customs play an important part in the development of fraternity spirit and loyalty is well evinced by the steady, normal poise of chapter life where customs are best established. The more good chapter customs, the more unity between members, the greater loyalty of alumnae.

The most noteworthy of Kappa Alpha Theta's national customs, naturally and rightly, centers around the celebration of Founders'-day, observed by all chapters, college and alumnae. Then there are the various ceremonies and events without which no national convention would be complete. There is room for still more national celebrations and perhaps some cherished chapter customs of today wisely might be nationalized by next convention. Would you not be proud to have developed in your chapter a custom to be cherished and honored by every chapter?

To share our good things with one another is a real test of friendship and so this galaxy of chapter customs is offered in the hope that they may inspire other chapters either "to go and do likewise" or to originate some custom equally worthy of adoption or imitation.

A MOTHERS' HOUSE-PARTY

Our most prized chapter custom is our "Mothers' House-party." We hold this in the fall, usually just before Thanksgiving. Our mothers arrive Friday afternoon; after dinner, we have a line party at the picture show. This starts our round of simple entertainment

which includes, with a few variations, a musicale by girls within the chapter, a luncheon for our mothers, alumnae, and wives of the members of the faculty, a line party of mothers and daughters at a good football game, stunts by the active members and pledges, open house to all our university friends, and, Sunday noon, a dinner for our mothers and fathers.

We believe that our parents really enjoy seeing how we live and meeting the parents of the girls about whom we talk constantly when we go home. We know that we enjoy having them with us; in fact, the week-end of our Mothers' House-party is about the very happiest of the year.

Margaret Coleman, Alpha Omicron

THE BEST CHRISTMAS TREE

Every year at Christmas time a committee of sophomores and freshmen has been appointed to go out and bring in a sturdy fir tree. When they returned all mud bespattered and anxious to know whether Dutch Cleanser really was efficacious in removing pitch, the tree was instantly seized upon and put in the corner where the plaster had been slightly knocked off the wall. Then, in a fraternity meeting, each girl drew a name out of a hat, thus learning for whom she should buy a present. The gifts were limited to twenty-five cents and one must on no account tell whose name one drew, but very carefully ascertain whether the girl preferred soap to a handkerchief, or a tiny fern instead of a box of mints. If a man were evincing a particular interest in some Theta, it was not considered amiss to give her a fake engagement ring and forge his name to the munificent gift.

This year, however, the Alpha Xi's decided to give the Christmas tree to some one who would have none at home and the girls who took playground work were delegated to gather in the orphans. A fat-cheeked little boy with holes gaping in his stockings, and a mass of blond hair that stood straight up in every conceivable direction, was the first to come up the steps and rap on the door that had the strange words "Kappa Alpha Theta" upon it. He marched straight over to the Christmas tree and stood perfectly still in wonder. When one of the freshmen put a box of toy blocks into his hands his face reflected the light of the Christmas tree itself. Boys and girls came in together until twelve or more children were drawing fascinating packages from the tree, but still the first boy sat and played blocks.

One little child shuffled in with rubbers on his feet. Mother hadn't been able to buy shoes! A tiny girl dressed in a vivid blue that made her face seem "all eyes" said that she hadn't had a Christmas present for four years. Another grew so excited that she

could only dance up and down while the games were going on. Soon the girls passed apples, nuts, candy, and the nectar of all wee folks, ice cream. Then only did the tow-headed son of America lay down his blocks and the matronly girl of seven, her gayly dressed doll!

When eight-thirty came each little guest departed. Many of them forgot to say "Thank-you" materially, but the squeak of new shoes, the rattle of the fat boy's blocks, and the bulging pockets of all, seemed mute testimonies that the Alpha Xis had discovered a better way to celebrate the beginning of a Christmas day!

Lillian Porter, Alpha Xi

SEMPER FIDELIS

In our living-room stands a tall silver loving-cup, bearing the inscription "Semper Fidelis." On it the names of several girls are engraved. These are the names of the girls, chosen, one from each year's senior class, who have stood first in loyalty to Kappa Alpha Theta ideals, first in the performance of willing service for the fraternity, and first in service to the university. Each year the name is announced at the initiation banquet in February.

Doris E. Porter, Eta

"THE KITE"

One of the customs dearest to the heart of every Beta Theta is "Kite Day." On this day, the last Sunday before finals, all the girls gather at the house to hear the *Kite* read. The curtains are drawn, and the seniors, seated majestically around the lighted table, proceed to read us the *Kite*. First, they show us the cover, it is generally a large leather-bound book with the coat-of-arms embossed upon it. Then the Editor-in-chief, all the seniors are editors, reads the first article, and passes it to the next girl. And so the book passes from senior to senior, while we laugh over the stories and snapshots, cartoons, poems, and limericks, as they tell the story of the year.

Katharine Rawles, Beta

TO HONOR SCHOLARSHIP

Alpha Lambda has two customs in the interest of scholarship. They are—the annual engraving of the freshman scholarship cup, and the chapter's silver card tray.

The former was purchased by Alpha Lambda to start competition among the first-year girls for the highest average obtainable. Since the custom was initiated last year, Elizabeth McLean's name is the only one on the cup so far.

The card tray was given us this semester by the alumnae who were proud of "1916—First" which is inscribed on it now.

Alpha Lambda

MONTHLY REUNIONS

We do not have the same opportunity to know one another well, as you who live in fraternity houses, so once a month we have a get-acquainted party just for ourselves. One month an Irvington girl is hostess and next month a town girl is hostess for the party. We have a system of drawing for our guests for the night, each town girl taking as many Irvington girls as she can accommodate, when the party is in town, and vice versa. Sometimes we arrange programs; but it really isn't necessary as we usually manage to entertain one another. At one of these parties we all came dressed as either little boys or little girls, while one came dressed as a baby, with long white dress, doll, bottle, and all. We played "Jerusalem," "London Bridge," and many other fascinating childish games. At our next party, the freshmen are to entertain us with their songs. We always serve some inexpensive refreshments. Really, to appreciate what wonderful times we have, you will have to come to one of our festive occasions.

Gamma

BETWEEN THE LINES

Alpha keeps two constant records of her chapter events, one, an irreproachably exact account of her business proceedings, with just who moved and who seconded and all about it; the other, a quite highly colored and often fictitious account of certain affairs of her members during the year. The first is destined to meet the approval of the "powers that be," but the other is Alpha in her curl-papers, with all the secrets out. Needless to say, it is often a source of great surprise to the people who find themselves in its pages, having forgotten that "a chiel's amang ye takin' notes." This latter history is a document compiled during the course of every year, and after its reading at the last fraternity meeting, it is filed away in the archives as carefully as the first one. I have often wondered if our official visitors have ever paused in the reading of our minutes long enough to take a peep at that other less authentic history. I believe it would possibly furnish more interesting, if not as valuable, reading than the other.

Alpha

A LIVE CUSTOM

Our most interesting chapter custom is not really a custom at all, but a very lively, decidedly naughty, and altogether adorable little girl named Rena Bell. Out of the "Sense of Duty" frying-pan of a Home with a capital "H," into the "Lots of Loving" fire of Alpha Lambda she hopped, and at first that furiously burning fire threatened to annihilate her. But we soon saw that we were spoiling a very nice little girl with more petting than she could stand. We immediately organized ourselves into a discipline committee, and ever since

Miss Rena has been faithfully brought up in the way that some thirty or forty "mamas" think she ought to go.

She stays with us only the first week-end of every month, and the rest of the time we support her at the Hadassale Home on Mercer Island. This home was formerly supported by Panhellenic, but last fall that organization decided to limit its field of activity to inter-fraternity matters. Then it was that the individual fraternities, men's and women's, took an interest in the matter, and now many small boys and girls in the Home have a house of big brothers and sisters in the university district.

Rena gives us untold pleasure, and at times, I may add, untold embarrassment. Out of her warm, hungry little heart she calls every one of us "mamma," and it puts one in an absurd position, to say the least, when on the trolley-car she suddenly pipes up, "Oh, mamma, what's that sign up there for?" That women all over the car are whispering, "*Do* you suppose *she* can possibly be that child's mother?" and that your major professor is sitting across the aisle, make no difference to her.

She is perfectly happy—and if she is, so are we. What Alpha Lambda has given Rena is very little when compared to the experience that Rena is daily giving to Alpha Lambda.

Laura Dickson, Alpha Lambda

CANDY! CANDY!

A most delectable custom, and one which we probably share with other chapters, grants us the privilege of expecting from every engaged girl, or rather from the man to whom she is engaged, the gift of five pounds of chocolates for the chapter. However, we have recently varied this custom a little, and accepted, instead of the chocolates, a record or two for our victrola.

Bessie Reynolds and Mary Sparks, Lambda

(Judging from copy received this might be termed, almost, a fraternity rather than a chapter custom, so almost universally is it honored.)

ALL-NIGHT PARTY

One of our most interesting customs is the all-night party in the spring. It comes on the night before Commencement and every active and pledge is privileged to come. Each girl brings her own bedding and trusts to finding a place to sleep. All "date" rules are off that night, so there is a great commotion on the porch till quite late. This gradually dies down till the last girl comes hurrying in, afraid she's missing some of the excitement. Then the wild scramble begins. Since our house last year was very small, available sleeping places were few and greatly prized. When the scramble ended every bed was full to overflowing, and five or six pledges

tried disconsolately to believe that one blanket concealed the hardness of the floor. After some minutes of blissful quiet, a serenade by one of the fraternities brought every girl to the sleeping porch, where the music was enthusiastically applauded, and sometimes responded to with Theta songs. With every serenade (there were several) the beds seemed fuller, and the floor harder, but also the morning that much nearer. The girls went to breakfast in relays, then hurried away to pack, get ready for Commencement, or write the theme that must be in before vacation.

This all-night party is just one last chance for the girls to get together for a good time before the vacation, and is thoroughly appreciated as such.

Alpha Upsilon

A CHRISTMAS PARTY

One custom has been followed long enough to become established and means a great deal to all of the chapter, as it brings us close together. This custom is our annual Christmas party. It is always held a day or two before the beginning of the holidays and when possible on Sunday evening. The sophomores are the hostesses and provide both entertainment and refreshments. The entertainment consists of jokes and rhymes about each member of the chapter, sometimes delivered by Santa Claus in person, or placed upon the Christmas tree. The refreshments vary according to the time and place of the celebration, but this year we had a delicious supper which did much in promoting good will towards all. But whenever or wherever held, we are all sure of a splendid good time and will always strive to keep alive our pet chapter custom.

Sarah T. Rogers, Alpha Beta

AGAIN A CHRISTMAS PARTY

One of our customs which dates back to the time when Alpha Psi was only a local is the annual Christmas party. The week before we go home for the holidays, alumnae, actives, and pledges gather to enjoy a bit of the Yuletide joy together. First, a spread puts us into humor; then a sparkling Christmas tree and Santa Claus bestow upon us gifts. After this, if the girls don't have to race to the dormitories to keep from being locked out, we sit around a fire-place, munch candy canes, and dream of the past and future of Theta.

Lorraine W. Lomas, Alpha Psi

ENTER THE COLONIALS

Theta's most cherished custom at Washington—a custom which one of the professors has termed a prized university tradition—manifests itself in the Colonial Tea on Washington's Birthday. It

is the practice of every women's fraternity to give once a year a large tea in compliment of the students and faculty. And it seems that Theta, who was the first to start the tradition, monopolized the best occasion when she chose February 22 as a regular day. But then, a Theta tea could not be given any other day because the chapter receives dressed in Martha Washington costumes with powdered hair and court plaster. The effect is unusually charming. Refreshments and decorations vie between Theta and university colors. The weather man usually sends a heavy dose of rain or snow, but despite his efforts to the contrary, we always have a large crowd and everybody has a wonderful time.

Alice M. Johann, Alpha Iota

THE HEARTHSTONE

As Sunday is an ideal day to gather around some family hearth with one's dearest friends, such gatherings have become quite the custom with us. Naturally, we keep these affairs strictly informal and appropriate for Sunday. Each time we gather at the home of a different member and each time a few, sometimes all, of our rushees are there. It is an aid in rushing, mainly in that the freshmen are taken into the homes of the Thetas and become acquainted with their mothers as well as with the girls themselves. Also, as the alumnae are there, it is just another opportunity for having actives and alumnae together. But the greatest advantage in these gatherings is the fact that we, of the active chapter, are brought together in a way that seems impossible on any other day. These afternoons are happily passed with lively conversations and much good cheer intermingled with Theta songs. Much real benefit, to say nothing of the pleasure, is derived from each of these weekly gatherings.

Alpha Phi

VALENTINES! !

"Valentine greetings!" So said the freshman-made valentines (made from advertisements into local "hits" on the Theta sisters) decorating the table at the annual Valentine dinner. Who would have thought the freshmen could have accomplished such wonders in the interior decorating line? Violets, red and green hearts covered the table in an artistic array. Favors of the day stood before each place. Cupids dangled from the chandelier and peeped from under the fragrant centerpiece. Candy hearts, so tempting that you forget soup was to be eaten first, stood in tiny heart-shaped baskets. The dinner progressed amid college and fraternity songs, clever toasts, and a great deal of general gayety and laughter. Freshmen resembling cupids, with airy wings and pink tights, served the other members of the chapter and added a loving atmosphere to the party of hearts.

MEMORY BOOKS

We have so many chapter customs that we value, that it is hard to choose among them; so I have simply taken the one that seemed to me most apt to prove original, thinking it might be a good suggestion for others.

We are always so sorry to see our seniors graduated, each year it seems worse than the last; and they are sorry to go, too. So it seems the least we can do, to give them a remembrance of us—something that will be a reminder of their college days, particularly those of the last year, of their fraternity, and of each individual girl in the chapter, so we make the seniors a memory book to take away with them when they go.

Each girl in the chapter (except, of course, the seniors) takes some event of the year and writes it up. It can be treated in any way she pleases, because that is part of the fun—to have each one characteristic of its author; and each girl makes as many copies of her page as there are Thetas in the graduating class. Then the books are “bound” (strictly by hand) and presented at our farewell party to our dear, departing sisters. I believe they are more valuable than much gold, to the recipients—and they are a good investment, increasing in value as the years go by.

Alpha Tau

FOR THE BABIES

For many years Alpha Gamma has provided for a room in the Oak street day nursery. This was started in memory of the four girls who had died and, as all but one were mothers, it seemed appropriate that we should help care for the little children. On the door is the name “Kappa Alpha Theta” and on each bed is the name of the girl in whose memory the bed was placed there. A new building has been erected and will be ready for occupancy within a short time. In our new room the college and alumnae chapters have erected a beautiful fireplace.

Alpha Gamma

FRESHMAN SHOW

One of our treasured chapter customs is the annual “Freshman show.” This has taken many forms. Sometimes it is a play, sometimes several different stunts are given, while again it may take the form of a circus, or, as it did last year, that of a country fair. The idea of the “Show” originated in an effort to raise money for the Theta Scholarship fund. Instead of making any general assessment on its members, the chapter decided to let each class raise their share of the money in some way. One class chose the assessment method, another darned stockings and blacked shoes for the lazy members of the household, but the freshmen decided to give a “Show” of some kind. That first year a circus was given. Members of the

chapter with mothers, and sisters, and alumnae were asked. A small admission fee was charged, and many side shows and pink lemonade booths were placed about to attract extra dimes and nickles. The financial success was great but hardly greater than the social one. Ever since then the freshmen have, every fall, given some kind of a show. This year it was composed of five or six different stunts, all original and entertaining, and some forty dollars was raised to help pay for the installation of a much needed furnace for the chapter house.

Omega

RENOVATION DAY

One of Chi's most necessary customs is renovation day, which is celebrated annually the first Friday in March. Renovation day was formerly pillow day. It was then that the girls of our chapter presented new sofa pillows to the house; and they came so thick and fast that we had more than enough to fill up all the corners of the window seats of every floor.

We underclassmen, however, witnessed only the effects of pillow day. A rose satin pillow we found carefully turned so that a rip in the corner would not show, while next to it, on a black background, was a golden dragon that gaily flopped its tail. A fresh batch of pillows would be nice but the suggestion to destroy that which had silently submitted to being pulled to pieces when conversation was dragging, was overruled; then some one suggested that pillow day be changed to renovation day.

Consequently the rip in the rose pillow was mended; the dragon was again shackled to his silken prison; hems were fastened in curtains; and pictures were framed anew. From the reception room a chandelier, composed of scattered ideas with a crowning effect of calla lilies, was removed, and carried by a solemn procession to the lower regions. Our ideas usually do run to chandeliers: this year we contemplate removing the burned out bulbs from the hall clusters; and the freshmen, as usual, have the cleaning of the cut glass chandeliers hanging over their heads.

Our first renovation day was truly a success, but, if one of our Theta sisters could cane chairs or weave the tears in the dining-room carpet back to whole cloth, we might experience renovation day in its most satisfactory meaning.

Frances Terwilliger, Chi

TO THE BRIDE

A custom which has become very dear to the girls of Lambda is the giving of the bride's spoon. When one of our girls marries, we send her a dainty little silver spoon with a pansy in relief on the handle. This gift carries a message of Theta's love and loyalty.

Bessie Reynolds and Mary Sparks, Lambda

MAKING TRADITIONS

Two things we hope to make traditional. First, the growth of the scholarship fund is given over to the pledges, who have been, and are, gathering old clothes and rubbers. These old clothes and rubbers will be sold, and the returns applied to the scholarship fund. The girls have become interested in working for the cause and competition between the girls, who have organized into partnerships, is exceedingly keen, which insures the success of the undertaking.

The second affair is an open house given after every football game in the fall. The visiting teams are the guests of honor. This custom, we believe, will add to the university's reputation for hospitality, as well as promoting democracy.

Alpha Nu

JUNIOR BREAKFAST

Delta's most cherished chapter custom is that function known as "Junior Breakfast." It is at "Junior Breakfast" that engagements are announced and seniors first begin to realize that the end of their "happy days of college" is almost upon them. This is really a farewell for the seniors and is given by the juniors. Although it is and always will be known as a breakfast, the function is really a banquet, served a little after noon on some chosen Sunday late in May. Alumnae of the past four years are invited to this small reunion, and the details are always kept very secret until the doors of the dining-room are opened. The menu cards have group pictures of both the seniors and juniors on them.

Delta

THE CHAPTER HOUSE-PARTY

A Theta house-party! What a host of memories the word arouses, and what expectations! As a reaction after the struggles of "exams," nothing could be more attractive, and each year its pleasures seem to increase in number and variety. Every house-party seems to have some characteristic event by which to remember it, whether it be the creation of an epic poem (sung to the tune of *My Bonnie*) or journeys on rafts, discovered washed up on the lake shore; or whether it be the mischievous frolics of underclassmen who insist on taking seniors out for walks and leading them through bogs and puddles up to their dignified knees. One year we happen upon a cottage fitted up with acetylene gas and running water, to say nothing of spiders, and set in the midst of a well-trimmed lawn. The next year we are overjoyed at finding ourselves in a cottage surrounded with trees and stones and wild flowers, where we are quite alone in one of the most picturesque spots in Ontario. What can compare with a long ramble through field and forest, abounding with wild

flowers, to return to snuggle around a roaring grate fire while conversation runs wild and knitting needles keep pace! Or if it chance to be your turn to be cook or scullery maid, as befits your ability, what fun it is to spend a day in the kitchen, experimenting on the most exciting recipes in the cookbook, which, needless to say, are always devoured by the hungry mob no matter how they turn out! All too soon the happy days fly past, and before you have had time to realize what you have been doing, you find yourself once more "at home again," causing your family some anxiety because you are homesick.

Elsie Graham, Sigma

REUNION

Each year, on the evening of Commencement, Mu and all her alumnae who have been able to return enjoy a banquet at the Saegertown Inn. On this occasion, before the toasts are given, the secretary of Mu alumnae association calls the roll; the married members respond by telling what they have been doing since last they were in Allegheny, and the unmarried answer either "guilty" or "not guilty." Naturally this is one of the most interesting features of the entire evening!

As a farewell gift to each senior, the chapter gives a silver spoon bearing on the handle either the Theta coat-of-arms, or K A Θ in block letters.

Mu

ALUMNÆ-DAY

Each year, late in the spring, we send out invitations to all Etas for Alumnae-day, just as we do for initiation. If you can't possibly come back you are asked to send a letter with news about yourself and pictures of yourself and family. Then, on the appointed day, after the regular order of business is observed, the President calls the roll. As each name is called the owner tells us about her work and play, or her letter is read, if she is not there, or some one tells us about her. In this way we try to keep posted on what our girls are doing and where they are. We try to make our news just as informal and interesting as we can. We have found it a very happy custom.

Doris E. Porter, Eta

The state chairman of Idaho, Mrs Winstead, writes that there are twenty-five Thetas in the state, scattered over an area as distant as from Chicago to New York in point of transportation time. With most of these Thetas the chairman is already in touch through correspondence. Those who live in Boise each received, as a Christmas greeting from the chairman, a year's subscription to the *Bimonthly*, as an attempt to "create an interest in the fraternity affairs of today."

THE CHICAGO COLLEGIATE BUREAU OF OCCUPATIONS

The Chicago collegiate bureau of occupations, which was organized and incorporated in 1912, has for its purpose, first, to secure positions other than teaching for educated women; second, to advise with those looking for positions; and third, to investigate and develop new opportunities for the employment of women. As this bureau is located in a large city it is only natural that a very large per cent of the positions filled are in Chicago, perhaps as much as 75%, but its activities are by no means restricted to this city and state, in fact, calls come to it from every state in the union.

From the name, Collegiate bureau of occupations, one might infer that only college women are registered with it, but this is not the case. Although the greater percentage of applicants are college graduates, yet a large number of inquiries come from undergraduates and even girls who have not completed the four years of high school work have been registered and placed in lucrative positions. It is the aim of the bureau to help all educated or specially trained women, or women whose experience along certain lines of work makes their services valuable. A fee of \$1.00 is charged for registration for one year, and if a position is obtained, 3% commission on the first year's salary, payable monthly, is charged. No charge whatever is made for any kind of advice or for suggestions as to where special training for various lines of work may be obtained. Miss Helen M. Bennett, manager, or one of her assistants, will advise with any person who calls at the office, or will answer by letter any questions sent to the bureau at Room 1002, 17 North State street, Chicago. Often many letters must be exchanged before the right suggestions are made, and as this is done gladly and without fee, this department is not and can never be self-supporting, but is kept up by yearly contributions from various college alumnae organizations. It is a very important department and of so much help to those who need advice that the bureau would not think of discontinuing it. The registration and commission fees put that department of the work on a sound financial basis.

The third field, that of investigating and developing new opportunities, is, of course, closely connected with both of the other departments. Each year vocational conferences are conducted in many colleges and at these conferences Miss Bennett sometimes has interviews with as many as fifty girls a day. In this way the girls can learn from one who is an authority what fields offer the best opportunities, where special training may be obtained; and those ready for positions may be registered with the bureau. Although no field is ever overcrowded with *good* applicants, yet the largest demands at

present are in social, secretarial, and household economics work. Employers are becoming more and more insistent upon applicants having had special training for their work, and aside from teaching, there are few opportunities open for the liberal arts graduate. If she does not wish to teach she must do one of two things; either get further training or enter some field, such as publishing house or educational work, as an apprentice. Social workers and secretaries have many opportunities awaiting them and there is a constant call for household economics students to take charge of cafeterias, tea-rooms, high school lunchrooms, and to act as dietitians in hospitals or other large institutions.

In addition to placing applicants in these regular occupations, the bureau has many unusual and interesting calls for workers; for instance, a call came from an Eastern state for a college woman to take charge of a reformatory for women. The unusual condition in the requirement was that she should be a farm manager. Among the women that Miss Bennett had interviewed at a Middle West state university vocational conference was one who had graduated from the college of Liberal arts, and upon returning home had taken charge of the home farm. Later she returned to college to study agriculture and it was then that Miss Bennett met her. As she had had experience along several lines and was of sufficient age and judgment to deal with the women in the institution in the East, she was sent there and is now in charge. In another instance a college girl of limited means from a southern state wrote to the bureau to know where she could obtain certain special training at least expense and near her own home. It took a great deal of investigation and correspondence on the part of the bureau, but at last the right place was found and no charge whatever was made for the investigation and suggestion.

There are bureaus similar to this one in other cities and all are affiliated. These are in New York City, Boston, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Richmond, Virginia, Detroit, Kansas City, and Los Angeles, and all will interregister applicants without additional fee. In this way the field of each bureau is extended from coast to coast and from the northern boundary of the states to the extreme south. Valuable statistics are being collected from the work already done and the future must undoubtedly see college courses tending more and more toward special vocational training for women—and as a special message to college women today Miss Bennett's wide experience leads her to advise and urge that each girl decide before the beginning of her junior year what occupation she will follow, and then train for it as much as possible through the rest of her college course.

Minnie Parker Stults, Delta '08

STUNTS

An exchange department to which each chapter should contribute stories of successful and original entertainments, as hints to help along the cleverness of the gaiety plans of other chapters has frequently been suggested as an "improvement in our magazine."

Here are some stories of this nature. How do you like them? Do you want this a regular feature of the magazine? Can you, and will you, keep it supplied with original copy?

To edit such a section gives us keen sympathy for the martyrs who run *Successful February parties*, *How to entertain your parishioners*, and similar pages in the forty-nine, more or less, women's monthly magazines, but we can stand even that if our readers find such copy worth while.

The Holidays

At a Woman's league Fancy Dress party this winter, the chapter went representing the holidays of the year. We had The New Year, a Valentine, George and Martha Washington, St. Patrick, April Fool, Easter, Queen of the May, a fire cracker, Labor day workers, Halloween witch and a pumpkin girl, our pilgrim ancestors—John Alden and Pricilla—a Christmas package, and Father Time. Of course, we all had big signs and marched together in the proper order. We thought you might like to try it sometime. We had lots of fun and we won the prize.

Doris E. Porter, H

Legal lore

The Remote Cause—The sophomore's turn to give a stunt.

The Immediate Cause—Quizz on parliamentary law for education.

The Outcome—Both—We killed two birds with one stone by giving a demonstration of twenty-four laws of parliamentary procedure.

That we might attain the end in view, we presented a meeting of the Eta Beta Pie fraternity, and though we definitely illustrated all points of the law, it was done in a humorous way. The gavel used to call the meeting to order, here achieved the huge proportions of a croquet mallet. The symbol of the fraternity was a real pie, but it didn't last long. In the course of the regular proceedings, we had roll call, each girl answering to the name of a pie. The clever point was made when a report from a committee was asked for which was given as follows:—"Discovered, a mathematical pie, 2 II R." The corresponding secretary's report was a letter accompanying the gift of a pie knife, and the treasurer's report told of the number of pies there were in the pantry. From the regular order

of business we went on to new business and took up the discussion of a dance. Here we had some favorable, some opposing, and *one* who agreed with everybody. In the course of the discussion, we had a motion made and amended, some one spoke twice to a motion and the president left the chair to render her opinion, also an interruption of a request for privilege as "May I sneeze" occurred.

The discussion finally ended in a decision to give a dance in Mother's Kitchen. Having settled this question, the matter of funds arose next and a tense argument ensued as regarded a tax, one maintaining one-third of a pie a large enough tax, and another that one-half a pie would never be too much as she believed in preparedness.

The meeting closed with a song by the Eta Bit a Pie girls to the tune of *Style all the While*.

The upperclassmen said it was a great success and if laughter is any sign I believe them but being merely one of the members of the illustrious order of Eta Bit a Pie and a sophomore, too—why I have no way of knowing.

Jeane Ralph, I

The Tables Turned

Last year, we that were freshmen, were called upon every other Sunday night to perform impromptu stunts. For a while it was great fun, but at last it was rumored about that there might be a mutiny aboard the good ship Beta Theta, if the upperclassmen didn't furnish us with an evening's entertainment. So one evening we were all invited to go on a tour through an art gallery. You may imagine our surprise and glee at finding our grave and reverend seniors impersonating fluffy white clouds, mountains, and other bits of land and sky-scape, all equally lovely, but in which parts they looked very grotesque. The most mirth-producing impersonations, however, were those of animals. One of our very quietest girls made a perfectly roaring lion, and if any of you could have seen our prize athlete in the rôle of a little white rabbit with long pink ears, I'm sure it would have taken you as long to recover as it did us. By the time we had seen all the pictures on our parlor and library walls, we all felt much better acquainted with art from the "humanity" viewpoint.

Ruth White, B

Jardin de Danse

Freshmen were invited to the "Jardin de Danse." On arriving the guests were ushered upstairs, where their wraps were checked; then they were shown into a big, airy ballroom, where the tables

were arranged in true café style, each seating four people, and decorated with plants and paper roses holding nuts. Here the guests were served with ice cream and cake. The hostesses then performed in the middle of the room.

First came Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Castle, who, hearing of the party, had stopped at Burlington on their way to Montreal, to inspire the audience with their wonderful modern dances.

Then a charming little dance followed, of which the motive was: the awakening of two beautiful flowers by two gay butterflies. A selection on the violin and a vocal solo ensued. A pantomime, *Lord Ullin's daughter*, was then enacted. The implements used were most original: a clothes basket serving as a boat, tennis rackets making ideal oars, and a sheet representing the disturbed waters. The tragic end was greeted with much laughter, when the wild elements, namely the sheet, engulfed the petrified lovers.

The performance was brought to an end by the dance of a graceful little peasant girl. General dancing was then announced.

Isabel Watson, A

Cats Cabaret

The "Cats Cabaret" is perhaps the most successful stunt that Alpha Iota has ever pulled off. This particular gendre of party was inflicted upon us by our freshmen of a year ago as their "Catsup" contribution. The invitations to the chapter requested evening dress, but, alas, poor freshies, they forgot to specify pink georgette or emerald tulle, and the upperclassmen, taking advantage of the broad meaning of the term, appeared as children in décollete nightgowns and sleep-disturbing pajamas. At the door, a staid butler with slick hair and brother's faultless dress clothes, ushered the guests upstairs where Jean, the perfect maid, checked the wraps and tried to keep the dignified composer demanded of one in her position. At small tables decorated in yellow shaded candles, most delicious eats were served by skillful and flirtatious waiters. The guests were entertained the while by the famous gold and black ballet—more unclothed than clothed—who flirted disgracefully with the pajamed guests. There was lean Jack the Joker and his singing companion, Sal, dressed in red satin, and many more vaudeville stars of unrenowned fame, and ability.

So successful was the affair, that the chapter decided to reproduce it for a rushing event this past season. The rushees came dressed in proper evening clothes and as each one arrived the maid handed her a box which contained a corsage of yellow roses sent by her escort. No Theta was allowed at the party unless dressed as a man, a waiter, or one of the performers. The rushees, fourteen in all, fell into the spirit of the occasion and had the time of their lives, so they said,

and afterwards we found they really meant it, for all fourteen of them have been tagged with the cherished black and gold.

Alice M. Johann, A I

The annual quartet

The only stunt to which Mu can lay claim is a sort of "continued-in-our-next" affair. Considering it as a stunt—it occurs annually, and every girl is given an opportunity to do her little (?) share.

The stunt begins as soon after Pledge-day as circumstances permit. The first installment is a dinner given by the sophomores to the whole chapter with the pledges as the honored guests. This dinner is given in the fraternity rooms, and no sophomore class has as yet allowed the preceding class to surpass it in elegance.

The next installment comes on the last Saturday before Christmas vacation. This time the seniors pocket their dignity and entertain the chapter at a Christmas party. The principal feature of this party is the evergreen tree, brilliantly lighted and generously bearing a gift for everyone. These are, of course, mock gifts, which have the customary characteristic of great significance enhanced by a pertinent personal piece of poetry.

Soon after the Christmas party the pledges are tactfully but positively informed that something is expected of them in the way of a stunt. Accordingly invitations are received from the freshmen sometime before mid-year examinations, by which we are politely requested to attend a "Spinster Tea," or a "County Fair," or "Vaudeville," or anything else which fertile brains can conceive. This affair is always well worth attending, although the freshmen usually take advantage of their position as hostesses and embarrass their guests with some clever impolite remarks. However, forgiveness is always bought at the price of a gift to the rooms, which is the traditional conclusion to this stunt.

To conclude the series for the year, the junior give a farewell function, to which only seniors are invited. This affair is given in late spring and may be anything from a "bacon-bat" to a formal dinner.

Round the world

Nearly every year, we have a traveling dinner during rushing season. Soon after their arrival, the guests are given small traveling bags containing a napkin and silverware, and a long, impressive looking railroad ticket. The colored porter takes their bags, and the conductor tears off the necessary ticket, and soon the party reaches the third floor, where the soup is served in Italy by Italian girls, in native costumes. The meat course is served in U. S. A. where the

room is hung with American flags, and a West Point cadet and an Annapolis midy do the serving. We go to Japan for our salad, and we sit on the floor while pretty geisha girls wait on us. Ice cream in Iceland—what could be more appropriate? The walls and furniture are covered with white, and sparkling snow and girls in white with sweaters and hockey caps bring us the dessert. Then we are all glad to start our return journey to the living-rooms to have our coffee by the open fire.

Doris E. Porter, H

"Cinches"

It so happened this year that the annual "Freshman show" was given a few days after the first, dreaded "cinch notices" were out. These are notices which the various professors send out several times during the semester to warn students that their work is not up to the passing mark. Several of our freshmen received them, but all in subjects which are generally regarded as not very difficult. This was particularly true in swimming (to get a junior certificate, every one must pass a swimming requirement, known as "subject C") and in hygiene, another required course. The freshmen resolved to make the best of it, however, and added to their show a clever little act. When the curtains were drawn apart, standing in a row in the center of the stage (otherwise known as the dining-room) were four strange figures. First came a girl in a bathing suit, shivering before a tiny pan of water marked "The Pool"—Subject "C" personified. Next came a large green pasteboard bottle with various chemical signs on it, representing "Chem 1C" a notoriously easy course. Then came a peculiar brown and gray figure, with queer feelers sticking out in all directions, a bacillus if there ever was one, and representing Hygiene. Last and the artistic triumph of the cinches came a pretty black and white striped pasteboard flower-pot with a large crêpe paper pansy growing in it. This was immediately recognized as Botany. These strange figures then began to sing, explaining their names and reciting their woes in a clever little song. We are happy to add that the next month there were hardly any cinch notices at all.

Ω

Shakespeare? ?

We've thought and thought and still we've thought—that is our earnest nature—and we cannot banish *Romeo and Juliet*. You see, the presentation of that tragedy has come to be for us almost the embodiment of the word stunt. We force ourselves to call up other performances that were put on when, every now and then, we felt in an uncomfortable sort of way that somehow or other *Romeo and*

Juliet ought to have ceased to grip our attention, even if it had not seemed to, but all of these, though clever and laughable, are too new and crude—to be sure we are conservative.

With us there is attached to *Romeo and Juliet* the feeling with which one regards old china and family heirlooms—just precisely that. I cannot be more definite. If I tried to be, I should only blunder. So I take much pleasure in introducing to you—*Romeo and Juliet*.

The arrangement of the stage is left to the taste and fancy of the producer. Usually, in the Shakespearian spirit, we appeal to the imagination of an intellectual and appreciative audience. As for the orchestra—when I was in it, we stood behind the curtain where it was so dark we could not see the words. I know orchestras do not use words, but we combined the function of chorus and orchestra. It is well for the chorus to commit the words to memory.

The curtain rises and the invisible musicians sing this prologue with feeling.

List to the tale of poor Romeo
 Poor Juliet, Poor Romeo!
 Cribbed out of Shakespeare and reeking with woe
 Reeking with woe—'king with woe.
 Ne'er was a story more tragic than that one,
 If you have tears now prepare to get at one,
 Romeo's the thin one, and Juliet's the fat one
 Poor Romeo, Juliet.

Now, enter Juliet, attired in a white night-gown with a sash tied high above her waist-line. On her head a bridal veil of cheese cloth embellished with orange-flowers made out of the skin of the fruit. She sings with appropriate expression, to the accompaniment of mournful music from the musicians (behind the curtain) who are now applying themselves to their tissue-paper covered combs. As she announces her intention of quitting the world she draws from her dress a breadknife of murderous aspect (the best mode of insertion is left to the ingenuity of the individual player).

She sings—

I am the heroine of this tale of woe,
 I'm Juliet, I'm Juliet.
 I am the maiden that mashed Romeo,
 I'm Juliet, Juliet.
 Locked in a cell without pickaxe to force it,
 And without any room to stand or sit.
 I up and stabbed myself right in the corset.
 I'm Juliet, Juliet.

She falls in a seemly fashion. Her toes point pathetically upward. Enter Romeo dressed somberly in black, wearing a hat of gainsborough type with a sweeping plume. He sings and at the proper moment produces a cream-bottle from which steam curls, then with godlike resolution and heroic gesture he swallows the draught.

I am the hero of this woeful tale
 I'm Romeo, I'm Romeo,
 I am that highly susceptible male
 I'm Romeo, Romeo.
 Ne'er was a hero who e'er did as I did,
 When Juliet to eternity slid,
 I took cold poison and I suicided.
 I'm Romeo, Romeo.

He sways uncertainly and finally arranges himself neatly on the floor by the side of the prostrate Juliet.

The musicians laying aside their combs sing pityingly, though with didactic note, as is fitting, the epilogue.

This is my story, the short and the long,
 Of poor Romeo, poor Juliet.
 This is the burden of my little song
 Of poor Romeo, Juliet.
 All ye young lovers, of uncles be wary,
 Don't buy your drinks of an apothecary,
 Don't stab yourselves in the left pulmonary,
 Like Romeo, Juliet.

Σ

Freshman annual

Each year there is an entertainment by the freshmen for the "old girls." Last year it was in the form of a take-off.

The dining-room was the stage and the cretonne curtains made the asbestos "lift." At eight o'clock promptly the old girls, dressed as Janes and gypsies, filed in and took their seats in the bald headed row and dress circle.

The curtain went up and the footlights on and scene one had begun. It was the Theta household getting itself ready for the formal. One girl had a peculiar walk, one a funny line of slang, and one a certain difficulty at one stage in her dressing and each was imitated to perfection, favorite expressions, words, tones, and all.

The second scene was a pajama chorus which went off with a slap and a dash, a lovers' chorus made a hit, too. But the best of the evening was an Apache dance done up in a true artistic manner by two freshmen. It really was remarkable not only for the daring

ability displayed therein but also for the histrionic talent and appropriate costumes.

It all ended in a dance and a flash light picture of the grand *melée*.

A M

"Christmas"

Always a day or two before we disperse for the holidays we have a Christmas banquet when every Theta pledge, members and resident *alumnæ* is invited to a "fun fest."

Tables are laid with a sumptuous dinner. Between courses a representative of each class gives a toast. They are in poetry, as a rule, and often exceedingly clever. Afterwards some one acts as Santa Claus and distributes the presents. Each one gets a ten or fifteen cent toy or other appropriate gift with a verse attached. This verse must be read aloud to the party upon receiving the present and much blushing and hilarity ensues.

We all dance and sing and forget ourselves after the Christmas tree, and the evening leaves us all better acquainted and with a kindlier spirit toward every one.

A M

Seeing ourselves

Once this year, we older girls "saw ourselves as others see us," thanks to the pledges. We did not realize that we had so many peculiarities but some how, as soon as our attention was called to them, we could remember the original. The whole burlesque was a scream from beginning to end and closed with an original song showing us that it was all in fun. There were no hard feelings for the song to heal, for each girl enjoyed the joke on herself as much as she did the ones on the others.

Margaret Coleman, A O

The band

The best thing we do and it really is very good (I'm not in it) is our "band stunt." I would laugh at my own funeral, if that band furnished the music! The girls dress up in "band suits" with as much red braid and as many brass buttons as possible, and each one has a very wonderful musical instrument, from which she calls forth the most delicious harmony. Most of the noise is really furnished by kazoos, which are almost invisible, but various combinations of curtain poles, wooden boxes, et cetera, furnish the effect. Most of the music is of a martial character and most inspiring, especially as Saradelle Emerson, the leader, makes an imposing picture in a white muff (for her head) and a coat, the tails of which flap against her heels. When we wax sentimental, however, we make the biggest hit. Who will ever forget the touching duet, *Silver*

threads among the gold, rendered by the Cellarius sisters (a good choice for a mournful selection)!

This band should be seen to be appreciated.—A T (It was appreciated at Gearhart, *Editor*.)

A track meet

Friday evening came and anxious Alpha Betas and interested freshmen chose sides in the track meet about to come off.

"The first event," announced the judge of the meet, in a megaphone voice, "will be a relay race." Four girls from each side stood up in line, each holding at arm's length a big cracker, that dryest of all dry crackers, a Uneda biscuit. At the signal the first girl at either end deposited unladylike amounts of cracker into suddenly opened caverns and chewed vigorously. The onlookers listened breathlessly; presently, amid a shower of cracker crumbs, there stole upon the quiet air a faint whistle; girl number two showed herself her partner's equal and cracker number two was lost to view. When the fourth girl on one side had whistled, the exhausted combatants were assisted to chairs amid great cheering.

"The next event," the judge announced, "will be the foot race. Open to everyone." Each side lined up its men along a string stretched on the floor, one foot in front of the other, heel and toe touching all along the line. The longest line was announced winner; the proud owners of number seven shoes claiming the biggest part of the victory.

Each side chose a contestant for the next event—the standing broad grin. The signal was given and two dainty mouths flew open, presenting such depths that some of the freshmen backed away from fear of the mighty size thereof. The judge awarded first place to the one which measured the largest.

Two girls stood at either end of a piece of string at the center of which was tied a tempting marshmallow. "One, two—chew," bellowed the judge and they were off for the hundred yard dash. The string disappeared magically and the best chewer won the marshmallow.

"Event number five will be a two mile run," announced the judge, "only long winded ladies eligible." The two chosen contestants stood at the ends of two long strings stretched the length of the room, ready to blow into a paper cone on either string.

"Get ready, get set, go," and flying down the strings went the two cones with their propellers behind them breathing like war horses.

The contests all over, the judge called out the winners of the events and presented each with a paper drinking cup, tied round with black and gold ribbon, and the meet was over.

Eleanor P. Stabler, A B

For others

When the Young Men's Christian association asked for funds for relief work in the prison camps of Europe, Alpha Psi pledged a goodly sum. Just how we were going to obtain that amount, no one exactly knew; but Miss Eddy came to the rescue with an idea.

On a certain Friday afternoon the assembly hall of the local Young Men's Christian association was arrayed as a tearoom. White clothed tables with the Red Cross signs upon them and some dozen Thetas bustling about in Red Cross uniforms made one think that something was going to happen; and happen it did. Theta friends kept pouring into the room all afternoon. After they had sipped tea and eaten English tea muffins, they went to another room in the building to hear Major Kenyon, a woman in the British army. Miss Kenyon appeared in uniform and charmed her audience with the stories of her work as a member of the army.

Lorraine W. Lomas, A Ψ

The movies

Alpha has a time honored institution in the way of an amusement by her freshman moving picture shows. Usually each class has one production which has been stamped with the chapter's approval, which is given upon all occasions, and never fails to bring applause. The "movie" which seems to be the most successful for many years is that of last year's freshman class, *The wooing of Samantha, or right shall prevail*.

Samanthy Corntossel is the charming sun-bonnet crowned divinity who is sought by two swains of the district, Percy Simon Pure, and Jonathan Wood B. Wise. Jonathan, because of his more spruce attire and ready speech, is the more favored suitor, so it is with many tears that Samantha bids him farewell as he starts on his journey to the city to see the bright lights. The train on which he goes deserves special mention. It is our largest dishpan connected to one end of a stout rope. The other end is connected to a "stage hand" and much noise from behind the scenes.

In the city, Jonathan makes his way to a cabaret, where he is served by a pajama clad Chinaman with a queue of incredible length, who juggles a tray with two salt cellars on it in a rather alarming manner. He is also entertained by the regular cabaret program of dancing and singing. He is much attracted to one of the performers, but suddenly he has a vision (a rather substantial vision, but a vision nevertheless) in which he sees Samantha come into the room. As though hypnotized he follows her form with outstretched arms until he is safely out of the place.

When Jonathan once more reaches the rustic bench which has been the scene of his courtship he finds Samantha waiting for him. She registers joy and falls into his arms, but as he clasps her she detects the Coca Cola on his breath, and to the accompaniment of an insert which reads "Lips that touch liquor shall never touch mine," she sinks upon the breast of Percy, who has apparently been waiting in hopes of that very thing, and thus the play ends to the satisfaction of everyone except Jonathan Wood B. Wise.—A.

A money maker

The stunts which impress Alpha Upsilon just now as being the most clever are stunts for raising money. Probably other chapters have tried bazaars, silver teas, selling old paper, tin foil, et cetera; but last winter we had a far more original stunt. Dr. Crumbine asked us one day, if we would like to earn thirty dollars—perhaps you know of Dr. Crumbine. He has several distinctions: besides being prominent in medical circles and secretary of the Kansas state board of health, he is our Violet's father. Of course, we were only too glad to accept his offer, and immediately divided the fraternity into "shifts," each girl giving several afternoons when she was least busy. When the first group went down to the State house, Dr. Crumbine said he wanted us to help him get out the *Baby Bulletin*. Don't be misled, we were not to help edit it! He took us down into the basement to a room stacked on all sides with the pamphlets. We were to fold a circular, slip it in the bulletin, place this in an envelope and seal the envelope. The money was what they had figured a man accustomed to the work, would earn. We had lots of fun while we worked, but even with that, they told us we finished in less time than they had figured. Needless to say, we have our application in for any such work as may come up in the future.—A Y.

Minstrels

There are minstrel shows, and minstrel shows, but none can compare with the one given by our freshmen a short time ago. The minstrel proper was preceded by a little parody on the song, *Sunshine of Virginia* during which little black faces and much tied-up hair peeped out at us from daisy figured holes in a yellow cloth. The minstrel was presided over by an elderly colored gentleman with frock coat, white hair, and all. The other colored brothers (especially "Hamlet and Egglet") and sisters responded with some clever, well-appreciated jokes. The elderly gentleman and a younger brother gave some clever take offs on fancy stage dancing, barefoot dancing, et cetera, four of them gave an old time cake walk and Egglet played

on a mandolin and sang some popular songs. The last act of the show, if it could be said to be divided into acts, was quite impressive. All of the lights were turned out, and we beheld our performers as from a lofty elevation (though they were really on the floor) sailing in a huge yellow Theta kite, while they spatted their earthly victims, on whom they made many more jokes, with searchlights. They left the stage in a blaze of glory, singing original words to *Georgia Moon* while one played violin and another ukulele accompaniment.—Γ.

THETAS WE HONOR

EDNA GERTRUDE HENRY, *Beta, A.B. '97, A.M. '14*

Director of Department of social service, Indiana university

Among the many Thetas now engaged in careers of one sort or another, there are few whose development has been more interesting, or whose work is more vital or significant than that of Edna G. Henry, now Director of the department of social service of Indiana university. Readers of the *Journal* will, of course, recall Miss Henry's name as that of our alumnae adviser for social service, of the Theta Service bureau.

It is my purpose in the present article to give you just a glimpse of Miss Henry and the work of her department. More than this cannot be attempted within the limits of a brief paper. Moreover, even had we far more time and space than is allotted us in the present instance, the sheer wealth of material would be an embarrassment. However, some small idea of the work and of Miss Henry's connection with it can be given.

The Department of social service of Indiana university is now housed in a wing of the new Robert W. Long hospital, a gift to the State of Indiana from the late Dr. Robert W. Long, a generous and public spirited physician. It was in these offices, amid a forest of card catalogues, that we found Miss Henry and her department.

As we waited—for Miss Henry was engaged and could not see us at once—we saw a little of the department at work, although it was late and the day nearly over.

The phone rang.

"Bessie Myers' aunt will take her in until she's able to go back to work," a clerk announced.

"Good," from another assistant, "Now the doctor can discharge her tomorrow."

Miss Henry appeared.

She was seeing a poorly dressed woman to the door, exactly as she would do the same courtesy to a guest in her mother's drawing-

room. This woman was an aunt of a girl then in the hospital, and between them, they had just accomplished the difficult task of reconciling a mother bitter against her own daughter, and reuniting the two.

A moment's greeting to us, and a girl entered, looking for Miss Henry. Her sister, ill in the hospital, was having trouble collecting her sickness insurance. All social workers know these companies who insure the poor, many of them being looked upon with anything but favor. A few questions enabled Miss Henry to advise as to the little that could be done in the case.

Then hastily before another interruption could occur, Miss Henry led us off to see over the hospital. We had already intimated that we had come to talk to her about the vocation of social service, and she always prefers showing to talking.

We walked through the corridors and wards. It was an experience thrilling to our unaccustomed eyes, and in spite of Miss Henry's long familiarity with it, it seemed almost equally so to her.

The building is beautiful in itself, and is splendidly equipped. The straight, clean, beautiful lines of its structure and equipment make it seem the very emblem of what it is, science and education seeking to solve the problems of human suffering and misery.

For the Long hospital deals primarily with patients who are able to pay only a part or none of their medical fees, and therefore present the double problem of poverty and sickness.

The precise connection of Miss Henry's department with the Long hospital is this. The hospital, as a gift to the state, is under the management of the Indiana university school of medicine, and the university department of social service utilizes the valuable opportunity for social research offered by this allied institution. Before the Long hospital was completed, the work was done through the city dispensary, which also had some connection with the school of medicine, and through individual doctors. Considerable work is still being done at the dispensary, especially in connection with the teaching, as the local patients in their normal environment are much better teaching material than the rural patient away from his background.

The primary aim of the work is educational. As a department of the university, it is engaged in social research in the scientific spirit. This does not mean that the motives usually associated with social service, relief of suffering, and the prevention and cure of disease, are lessened. On the contrary, from the outside, the work seems to be carried on almost entirely for those very reasons. The workers, however, while constantly engaged in relief work, have always in mind the general problem behind the particular. They

seek to throw light on the numerous unsolved problems in the social and economic world—for instance, the relation between poverty and illness, the influence of heredity upon certain types of disease, the relation between industrial pressure and the recent increase in cardiac troubles.

In all this, record-keeping plays an important part. The scientific mind seems to trust the law of averages to an extent amazing to a layman, although we are familiar in another field with the astonishing accuracy with which insurance companies can make predictions based on mortality tables.

In addition to their contributing to the records of the sociological laboratory, the workers do an enormous amount of real teaching. Their patients are their pupils, and many of these, in turn, pass on what they have learned, when they return to their home communities. Thus the circle widens.

When the Board of trustees and the department of sociology and economics established this work in September of 1911, they told Miss Henry that they were doing it because their students needed a sociological laboratory. They gave no specific directions, except that all records were to be kept carefully. In this connection, Miss Henry herself has devised an admirable record card which is now in use in the department.

The work began with one worker, a record card, and a telephone. There are now five paid workers—Dorothy Ketcham, Beta, 1914, is general assistant—and one fellow from the university, besides the nurses, medical students, unpaid workers, and undergraduate students, who give a part of their time to the work. Two students took their M.A. degrees through the department last year, and a third will do the same this year. Miss Henry teaches a number of classes weekly, her students being the junior nurses, senior nurses, and the medical students.

"How did you happen to go into social service, Miss Henry," we asked. "How did you — — well, get to be director here? — — What would your advice be to a girl interested in this new vocation?"

The answer to the first question is a long story. Oddly enough, Miss Henry took no special work in college along sociological or economic lines, with the exception of the work for her Master's degree, which has been done within the last four years. After graduation from college, with abundant leisure, and every opportunity to live life from the purely social (in the old sense) standpoint, she was attracted from the first to this type of activity. She had always been more or less in the atmosphere of it, for her parents, Mr and Mrs Charles L. Henry, originally of Anderson, later of Indianapolis, were always interested in charities and reforms.

Work on the Mercy and charity committee of the church, in a voluntary Saturday afternoon sewing school, and establishing a local Charity organization society, were her first steps.

Upon removing to Indianapolis, she headed a considerable number of volunteer workers, several Thetas among them—who did friendly visiting under the direction of the Indianapolis charity organization. A short service of three months with the Attendance department of the Indianapolis public schools was her first professional position, and then in 1911 she was made Director of the new department of social service by the University board of trustees. The wisdom of their choice becomes more apparent each year. The work goes forward, and, backed by splendid help from the university, bids fair to equal the best that is being done in this undeveloped science.

In regard to advice, Miss Henry is urgent upon the point of workers receiving special training. Her success without it is so unusual that no point can be drawn from it, and anyway, in her case, it was supplied by her extraordinary amount of experience and personal study along these lines. She said to us,

"Just as nursing in its early days fell into the hands of those temperamentally inclined to it, but has now become a science, so social service work was at first delegated to people who wished to do it, but it has come now to demand the best training to be obtained."

As to the qualities that make for success in the work, she said nothing and we did not ask her. We did not need to, for we could see what they were. They are hard to define, though, when one comes to try it.

One of the points that struck us was the way she had of speaking of each case with as fresh interest as if it were her first. Another was her way of dealing with cases sympathetically, but not in the least sentimentally.

The old proverb is, "Happy is the man who has found his work," and we all know that it is equally true that happy is the work that has found its man. In Miss Henry's case, the two points are splendidly exemplified.

Aside from the personal interest of finding a Theta who has found a real and significant vocation, we were most impressed with the great complexity and the great possibilities of the field of social service. Doubtless, its present accomplishments are a mere prophecy of a greater future.

Ruth O'Hair, Beta '08

For five years she (Miss Henry) has been at the head of a department which touches the medical school work at certain points, being Director of the Department of social service of Indiana university. What impresses one especially in Miss Henry is her judgment. She

sees trouble afar off and avoids it before it comes. She is able to meet people, even under most disagreeable circumstances—and in work such as hers this is often the case—not only helping them but also enlisting them in the work she is trying to do for them, or for somebody in whom they are interested.

Social service is one of the great problems of the future. It is through this that we hope to make medical relief of patients practical, since it enables us to get behind the patient to his home and environment and to modify these in the interests of his physical condition.

Miss Henry works untiringly. We often try to warn her not to. She does not follow routine, but follows her own ideas, and for that reason at each meeting of the social service workers has proven to them that her department is in some particulars, sometimes several, in advance of others in this country.

Chas. P. Emerson, Dean Indiana medical college

EDITH SCHWARTZ CLEMENTS, *Rho*, A.B. '98, Ph.D. '04,

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While in Estes Park this past summer, the Editor made a delightful acquaintance with an attractive book on Rocky mountain flowers. Coming East, she met one morning on the train Dr and Mrs Clements, seeing the latter again at the dance Lincoln alumnae gave complimentary to *Rho*'s rushees. Mrs Clements is as charming as are her pictured flowers and we are glad to introduce her to the fraternity through this "chatty personal letter" sent in reply to a request for "copy" from this one of *Theta*'s busy and scholarly members.

"I am not quite clear at what point this biographical sketch should begin, but think most likely it should be with university activities. I entered the University of Nebraska in 1895, the year "the cat came back," when the alumnae of *Rho* were interested in reestablishing the chapter, and was invited to become a *Theta* the following year. I was president of the chapter for some time, also president of my class, and captain of the Midget basketball team. My tastes in studies were catholic and I tried to "take" something of every academic course offered. I remember one year planning to register for botany, and asking a sister *Theta* what it was like. "Oh," she said, "it consists of looking through a microscope at a leaf and learning hard names." Since I was particularly fond of things of the out-of-doors, this did not sound particularly attractive and I studied only enough botany, from a book, to remove entrance requirements with a special examination. Like many girls, I had a special aptitude for languages and made Germanic philology my major subject. I was elected to Phi Beta Kappa as one of the five in the class with the highest standings and was appointed Fellow in German for three years while carrying on graduate work.

I had registered for a Master's degree in Germanic languages, but after marrying the Adjunct Professor of botany, decided to turn my Germanic languages into a minor for the Doctor's degree and make botany my major. I found the subject quite different from what it had been described and regretted that I had not taken it up earlier. In those days, elections to Sigma Xi were made on the basis of graduate theses, and I received mine in due time, taking my degree in 1906—the first woman to be given a Doctor's degree at the University of Nebraska.

Since my marriage, I have worked with my husband in the same field of research, spending most of our summers on the slope of Pike's Peak where we finally bought a tiny cabin and started the "Pike's Peak Alpine laboratory" for summer work in plant study. Students from Nebraska spent several summers with us, receiving credit for the work done, towards their degrees. It was an ideal spot for work of this sort and during the first few summers besides carrying on all sorts of experiments in the field, we collected and issued twenty-five herbaria of Colorado plants comprising 600 species in each set, also the same number of sets of fungi of more than 600 each.

In 1911 we went to Europe, spending several weeks in the mountains of Switzerland, and six weeks with a party of European botanists in a tour of the British Isles. We were right royally entertained and ended the trip as guests of the city of Portsmouth during the meetings of the scientific societies there. In 1913, a number of the same Europeans and others made a trip to this country and were shown our vast natural resources, under the guidance of the Phytogeographical society. Since that time, we have spent only a part of each summer at the Alpine laboratory, making instead an extended vegetation survey of the western half of the continent, testing and applying the principles which were worked out at the laboratory, to a large area of country.

During a number of these summers and the earlier ones, I had been making water colors of the Rocky Mountain flowers and in 1914 had the pleasure of seeing these reproduced in book form. They have also been issued without text, as a small souvenir booklet. Both books have met with success, and I am at present working on an illustrated guide to the mushrooms, as well as pen and ink illustrations for five hundred species of other fungi, to be used in a new edition of *The genera of fungi*, one of Mr Clements' publications.

My time during our summers of travel together has been very largely spent in making notes and photographs for his books. I have the pleasure of seeing some of these in *Plant succession* just published by the Carnegie Institution, and am looking forward to

seeing others shortly in the Badland book now in hand. We spent all last summer investigating the vegetation, and fossil horizons of the Badlands of the country and shall make a special similar study of the dunes next summer. During our year's leave of absence, which was spent partly at the Desert laboratory of the Carnegie Institution in Tucson, Arizona, and partly in southern California, I made fifteen sets of 300 species and forms of flowering plants (1913-14). I was Instructor in botany in the University of Minnesota for four years, having come to this institution in 1907 when Mr Clements was elected Head of the Department of botany.

Perhaps I should explain that the field of botanical research in which both Mr Clements and I are most interested is one in which he is a pioneer, and is particularly concerned with the exact measurement of the physical factors of plant habitats and their effects on structure and the constitution of vegetation. My own thesis, *Leaf structure in relation to physical factors* was an investigation along this line, and was one of the first studies of its kind ever published.

ELVA LUCILE BASCOM, *Mu, A.B. '94, B.L.S. '01*

There are few of us who do not at some time dream of a glorious period of leisure when there would be nothing for us to do but to read books. As we wander through the stacks of the college library, as we finger longingly the tempting volumes at the book-seller's, we have ecstatic visions of ourselves becoming saturated with culture and erudescence as we absorb book after book down an endless vista of shelves.

In Madison, Wisconsin, that rather ambitious home of the state capitol and the state university, there lives a Theta who for many years has actually had to face these conditions so many of us aspire to, a Theta who for five years did nothing but read books (and comment upon them) for the benefit of the whole country.

An evening with Elva L. Bascom in her attractive, book-filled apartment on Gilman street fills one with even greater respect for books and the ways of librarians. To see thick volumes filled with lists of the titles of books, each one carefully commented upon and classified, makes the task of really knowing even a portion of the country's library seem stupendous. Yet Miss Bascom has read thousands of books on hundreds of subjects and is ready with a terse, vital comment whenever one is desired.

Entering Allegheny college from Lake Erie college in 1890, Elva Bascom had the distinction of being elected to both Phi Beta Kappa and Kappa Alpha Theta. She received her B.A. degree in 1894 and went directly into the editorial offices of the Chautauqua Century press at Meadville, Pennsylvania. Her interest in work among books took her in 1899 to the New York State library school, Albany,

New York, where she received the degree of B.L.S. in 1901. During her last year in the library school and from then until 1908 she was connected in various capacities with the New York State library at Albany. From the position of indexer she advanced to the editorship of the publications of the New York State library, and in 1906 became the assistant reference librarian in that institution.

In 1908 the editorship of what is commonly known as the *A. L. A. Booklist* was offered to Miss Bascom and Madison Thetas had their opportunity of becoming acquainted with this Theta from Pennsylvania. *The Booklist* is a monthly publication of the American Library association's publication board. It had grown to national importance from a local Wisconsin enterprise aimed to be of help to the librarians in the small towns of the state. It is, briefly, an annotated list of late publications, references, comments, and comparisons being made to guide the book buyer in the libraries, large and small, throughout the United States. As editor of this publication, Miss Bascom personally had to read a hundred or more books a month and had to be responsible for every comment made.

When in 1913 it was deemed best to move the editorial offices of *The Booklist* from Madison to Chicago, Miss Bascom decided to give up this extremely exacting work and remained in Madison as Chief of the book selection and study club department of the Wisconsin library commission. This position was created for her special work, which comprises aid directly to the various libraries throughout the state, by loaning books, by issuing short booklists, by furnishing references, and to the study clubs in the small towns by sending out collections of books on any subject desired and by giving advice as to courses of study. Besides this valuable work, Miss Bascom gives a course of lectures on book selection to the students in the Library school of the University of Wisconsin. During her stay in Madison, Miss Bascom has also edited a supplement to the 1904 list of books which the A. L. A. published as a guide to librarians, taking upon herself the responsibility of bringing the list up to 1911. This supplement with its notes on three thousand volumes is indeed a monument to Miss Bascom's untiring efforts.

As a Theta, Miss Bascom has never let her engrossing library duties keep her from gatherings of both college and alumnæ chapters. Madison alumnæ chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta is proud to number her among its active members.

Laura Leonard Gilman

One hundred and nineteen Thetas—did you grasp that number, 119?—attended the Founders'-day luncheon of the Chicago alumnæ chapter on January 27.

WITH THE EDITOR

WE HOPE you will like this College chapter issue. We are sorry that there are no pictures of Alma Maters to enhance its pages. We also miss several articles needed to give the issue symmetry. And again, we find space limits preventing our publishing some good copy, also relieving us of the necessity of providing some copy we are eager to write, if we but had a few extra hours added to each day—would the day-light saving campaign help out here?

ALL THE FRATERNITY joins us in extending deepest sympathy to our beloved Grand Treasurer, whose mother died in January.

CONVENTION is a magic word to those who know its joys. Can you not make its magic stir up the enthusiasm of others to come and garner the magic for themselves? We need you every one, and you, after the winter's strain, surely need a holiday, too. Convention is a holiday in spite of its work and strenuous play.

SCHOLARSHIP seems to be more and more stressed in our chapters. Far be it from us to have it otherwise. We are proud of some of the ranks in the scholarship report on pages 280-81 and hope that other chapters may win laurels this year. But, it is not high marks that alone mean scholarship; rather it is the respect for study as the basic part of college life which we should cultivate. If you are doing work up to, or a little above the college average, you may be better scholars than if you are getting the highest grades, just for their own sake.

CUSTOMS we believe play an important part in chapter life and so we hope every chapter will find in these pages some suggestion that will enrich its chapter life. That is why other chapters were asked to tell you of their customs. Some of these reported customs stand just for merriment and some for the giving of one's best service to the less fortunate. Life has a place for both types and every chapter needs to mix the two, for too much of any one thing is not the best medicine.

HOW MANY times do you discuss conditions of life in your college at chapter meetings? That is the pertinent question in an article in this issue, which we hope no one will fail to read. Let no chapter close this college year without at least one meeting where this problem is considered.

THE SHADOW OF WAR hangs above us as this issue goes to press. What our chapters in Canada have suffered for two years now seems possibly imminent for all of us. Yesterday, some one said, "how can you go ahead with plans for a convention in this uncertainty?" To such questions there can be but one answer, an answer learned when visiting Toronto Thetas last year. The world goes on, life makes its demands constantly. Just as we meet life steadily and orderly can we hope to be fit for emergencies when they arise. Actual war for this country might make it right and wise for us to postpone convention, just as it might make many unforeseen demands of each of us, but until those demands are made, it is our part to go ahead with the duties outlined for us, for the truest preparedness is to be normally and wholesomely alive to our part in the world's work today. No sacrifice of ourselves or of our plans will be too great to make if such sacrifice will contribute to the world's progress toward a better civilization. While we pray that our country may be spared this tragedy of war, we must go steadily about our business, so as to be prepared to do our part worthily in whatever the days bring forth.

SONG-BOOKS, SONG-BOOKS

Why should Theta have a new song-book? First, because the old one is out of print and still many Thetas are not supplied with song-books. Second, because it is known that many chapters are singing fraternity (or should we say chapter?) songs that all would like to have a chance to learn. Third, because our song-book needs some additions. According to the song-book editor we especially need—more dignified national songs on the order of our loving-cup song, more rollicking songs to use when we are in for a good time, more personal toast songs, farewells, et cetera.

How are we going to get such songs? By your cooperation and enthusiastic help. Every chapter and every individual Theta is hereby invited to send songs to Mrs Stephens, music and words together preferred, words alone welcomed, also your offer of assistance if you can write music for some of the words.

What is the reward for such cooperation? There will be a valuable prize for the chapter that composes a real Theta hymn. Another prize will go to the chapter that has the most songs accepted. And another prize for the girl and chapter that submits the winning design for the song-book's cover. There will be also a song fest competition, with prizes, both for chapters and districts at convention—but it would be telling secrets to explain this now.

When will we have this new book? That depends on the promptness of your cooperation. We want the copy all at hand by convention, so the convention can test out the new songs and select the

prize winners. So please collect what songs you have that are not in the old book, get busy writing new ones, and send results just as fast as possible to Mrs C. M. Stephens, 427 South Ash street, Crookston, Minnesota. Send what you have ready NOW and send additions as they are ready. Start a contest in your own chapter and see how much latent talent there is among the freshmen, or perhaps even undiscovered poets among the seniors, to say nothing of musical genius in sophomore and junior classes. Alumnæ can help, too, for any contributions received direct from alumnæ will be credited to their college chapters. You musical alumnæ, do not let the happy memories of fraternity sing some songs in your hearts, that we might share?

Look out for the song-book posters, too.

DISTRACTIONS AT CHARLEVOIX-THE-BEAUTIFUL

Ennui and dull care are strangers to Charlevoix-the-Beautiful. During the summer resort season there is a variety of distractions to interest even the seasoned globe-trotter. Historic Beaver island in Lake Michigan, Boyne City, and East Jordan on Pine lake are three beautiful water trips that take a day each to encompass. Little Traverse bay, with Bay View, Wequetonsing, and Harbor Point, is a nearby water-trip which may be made from Petoskey—or all of these points may be reached by the suburban service from Petoskey. Walloon lake and Oden have their individual charms. The Pere Marquette railroad's gas-electric motor service between Charlevoix-Petoskey-Bay View makes frequent trips each day.

Golf on the Charlevoix-18-hole course—admirably described as the "Ekwanok of the West," automobiling on concreted roads, tennis, swimming in Lake Michigan or at the pool which is operated in connection with The Inn, riding through a picturesque equestrian trail, and not to overlook the fishing at nearby resorts such as Central lake and Bellaire, are among the many amusements which this place offers.

In Washington, District of Columbia, the alumnæ have organized a Theta club under the fine leadership of the state chairman, Miss Connor. They will be very glad to receive notices and addresses of Thetas who are stopping in Washington for any length of time. Monthly meetings are to be held, where they will be glad to have as guests any Thetas visiting Washington. The officers are—president, Margaret Conner, 3149 Mt. Pleasant street N. W.; vice president, Mrs Lewis Thompson, 1430 Columbia road N. W.; treasurer, Miss Clara Wilson; secretary, Miss Bess Newsom, 1733 Seventeenth street.

CHAPTER NEWS

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ALPHA—DE PAUW UNIVERSITY

The last two months have been such a mad whirl of getting ready for the holidays, having all of their actual enjoyment, and then the final examinations that followed them like an awful retribution for our frivolity that it is hard to sit down calmly and try to realize just what has been happening. One evening of especial interest before the holidays was that on which Mrs Beattie Locke Hamilton was our guest at dinner and at the fraternity meeting which followed. As a feature of the program she gave many personal reminiscences concerning the founding of Theta and the aims of the Founders.

This year, instead of the time honored plan of drawing slips with the names of the girls upon them to indicate the recipients of the gifts for our Christmas tree at the house, it was decided to have the tree with comic presents and have each girl devote the money which she would have put into a more expensive gift toward a victrola fund. Beside the money which we received from this Christmas party, the freshman and sophomore classes have given us additional sums. Several of the alumnae have also given toward this fund and others have said that they wished to furnish our first records, so in the near future we hope to have an additional attraction for visitors at the Theta house. We also gave a Christmas party for some of the poor children of the town. We had about twelve very enthusiastic guests who seemed to appreciate their candy and oranges and little gifts very much.

Word was received here today of the gift of \$150,000 to the university from the Rockefeller foundation. It is given on condition that we raise an additional \$600,000, but no difficulty is anticipated in meeting this condition. With our new gymnasium a luxurious reality, and the walls of the new dormitory for women rapidly rising, it seems that we have little left to desire in the way of material prosperity.

The girls were recently given a delightful surprise in the form of a beautiful silver serving spoon, the gift of our Alumnae club, in honor of the anniversary of the founding of the fraternity.

30 January 1917

Jessie Gobin

'13 Elizabeth von Behren was a recent guest.

'15 Mrs James B. Davis (Clarice Weer) of Brazil, is a frequent guest at the Theta house. She is quite an expert swimmer, and has been using the pool in our gymnasium.

'95-ex Mrs Edward Steiner (Sarah Levy) and Dr Steiner, the well-known sociologist are expected here early in March as the guests of their daughter, Miss Gretchen Steiner.

'90-ex Miss Lillian Keigwin of Nu chapter has been in Greencastle the past week on business concerning the distribution of a book which she has recently edited.

BETA—INDIANA UNIVERSITY

Beta has been made very sad by the death of one of our dearest and most helpful alumnæ—Mrs Sherman Davis (Maude Van Zandt). She was taken very suddenly ill while caring for a brother who had pneumonia. Mrs Davis was our chapter historian, and when we went to the funeral in a body, we felt that we were doing a very little bit to show our love and respect for one who was such an inspiration to us and such a help to the whole community.

You who have been members of Beta, or who have ever visited Indiana university, will be glad to know that the auditorium of our Student building is being repaired, so that when there is a concert or an address in that room, one may be able in the future, to tell whether the musician is playing Chopin or "chop-sticks," or whether the speaker is talking for or against equal suffrage. Just so it is done in time for our formal dance, we can forgive the poor acoustic properties a little longer.

We are glad to have with us as our Young Women's Christian association secretary, Miss Marion Janes, who was a Kappa Kappa Gamma at Indiana two years ago. She takes the place of our own Ardys Chenoweth, who was obliged to give up her position because of illness at home.

29 January 1917

Ruth White

Miss Jessie Hogate, one of our alumnæ, has been acting as chaperon for us in the absence of Mrs Pfaff.

'20 Dorothy Beckwith has had to leave college on account of the serious illness of her mother.

'20 Frieda Hershey played the leading part in *Sleeping Beauty*, the twelfth night play given by the French club.

GAMMA—BUTLER COLLEGE

Back in the dim and misty ages during Christmas vacation we recall that we had a dance at which we were transported into the real Christmas spirit suggested by rows of brilliantly lighted trees, by a real fireplace banked with snow, and a real Santa Claus, elaborately costumed, who gave away little red boxes filled with candy. Nor must I fail to mention how beautifully the Theta kite beamed down from its elevated position above the little trees. We also recall that we held our Open House on New Year's day at the home of Helen Marsh when everyone came and we had our usual

informal good time. During vacation we had an all day "gossip fest" at the home of Anna Junge when each of us brought her own lunch, a plan which proved both convenient and very satisfactory. Many of the girls who were home for vacation, including Charlotte Galpin, Edith Silver, Miriam Wilson, Beth Wilson, and Mary Wheeler, were there, so the party lived up to its name.

Rah! Rah! Rah! for our basketball team, so far we remain proud and undefeated at the end of seven games and we are building hopes of winning the rest of the games.

We are anxiously looking forward to our District convention, state dance, and luncheon all of which are to be held here on March 3.

'14 Born to Mr and Mrs L. I. Kercheval (Betty Stephenson) on Nov. 27 a son, Leonard, jr.

'20 Marie Hamilton attended a $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ dance at Indiana university.

'18-ex Harriet Dithmer is taking a business course at Shortridge.

'18 Irene Pritchard is back in college this semester.

DELTA—UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

The days since Thanksgiving have been rather festive ones for Delta. Amalie Wesseling announced her engagement to Gerald Cowman of Bellefontaine, Ohio, at a spread given by him to the chapter. The announcement of this engagement was more of a surprise than are most engagements, for this time it was truly news to most of us. On Tuesday, December 19, the freshmen gave us a Christmas party, with Santa Claus and a tree, followed by the annual freshman stunt. In the stunt each freshman took the rôle of one of the upperclassmen in a heated rushing discussion. They discussed themselves very frankly. It was a clever burlesque on what actually happened before they were pledged.

On Founders'-day the Champaign and Urbana alumnae gave us a lovely "birthday party." We had a lap supper, and in the center of the dining-room table was a huge birthday cake with a large kite of black tissue paper, and forty-seven candles around it. After supper the alumnae entertained us with reminiscences of their amusing escapades in Delta's earlier days—such things as the first Theta home and its inconveniences and good points. Beside these tales were read, sung, and even danced by those most talented along those lines.

Our chaperon, Mrs M. M. Clark, who has been with us since Thanksgiving was forced to go to Florida for her health and now Sabra Vought, of Mu, teaching library science in the university this year, has moved in to be our chaperon for the rest of the year. It is lovely, and we are very fortunate to have so loyal and enthusiastic a Theta in that capacity.

The Chicago alumnae of the University of Illinois are giving a lunch at the Auditorium hotel on Saturday, February 3, for Dean

Fanny Cook Gates, our new Dean of women. Miss Gates is invited to speak to the alumnae and there will be a good many university girls there, because it is during our mid-semester vacation.

The Panhellenic council has found it necessary to make some few changes in rushing rules. These have not been all definitely fixed yet, but a jury for trying the cases of breaking rules has been created with some alumnae members. The period of rushing will probably be shortened, from 4:00 P. M. to 7:30 P. M. each day, to 5:00 P. M. to 7:30 P. M. The rules are very strict and penalties heavy.

Marion Manley

Miss Gretchen Steiner, Alpha, was in Champaign, and attended our Founders'-day party.

'19 Amalie Wesseling has announced her engagement to Gerard Cowman, K A, of Bellefontaine, Ohio.

Helen Humphreys, Alpha Iota, will attend initiation Feb. 8. Her sister, Martha Humphreys will be initiated at that time.

'15 Marion Percival was married Oct. 24, to Mr J. E. Mills. They are living in St. Charles, Ill.

'10 Alta Swigart Hopkins was in Champaign Christmas and sometime following, from Lincoln, where she is living.

Lewis Halladay, Upsilon, of Streator, Ill. will attend initiation on Feb. 8. Her sister Harriett will be initiated.

'11 Elizabeth Broadbuss Jones has a son, Robert Clark Jones.

ETA—UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

We have all been greatly interested in the agitation of the honor system. It is in use in the Colleges of medicine and engineering but has not been taken up by the literary college. The faculty, student council, and student body are working together, but it does not seem to have the proper support. It is rumored that it is to be used in the coming examinations by certain professors, although not yet to be adopted by the college as a body.

The Good-fellow crusade was conducted here by the men's and women's fraternities in conjunction with the local Federation of charities. Each group took care of one boy or girl (we had two little girls) and provided complete outfits of clothing. The children were here for our Christmas party and had their packages off the tree with the rest of us.

We had such a beautiful Christmas. Elsie Weitz was here for our Christmas dinner and the tree. Mother Vedder gave us a Colonial brass knocker for the front door; Mrs Weitz sent the paper for the reception hall, and Elsie, Emma, and Elfrieda that for the music and drawing-rooms; Ellen Earle, Emma Riggs, and Genevieve Riggs Thom gave us seventy-five dollars to be used for decorating the dining-room; Ruth McCandliss sent a pillow of Chinese embroidery; place-cards came from Esther Shaw; and a silver sugar bowl and creamer from Mary Lynn Findley.

There was a fancy dress party given by the Woman's league January 13. We went as the holidays of the year and were awarded the prize. We have had an advertisement party, too, here in the house. It was great fun for us all.

On January 26, a day previous to our real birthday, we observed Founders'-day in the chapter. Florence Hagle Ruthven (Mrs Alexander G.) Pi '79, and Anna H. Adams, Tau '90, were guests at the chapter house. Tea was served in the library from four till five, and a meeting was held at five. The usual order of proceeding was reversed—the freshmen giving the history of the fraternity's founding, interesting events of its history, and something of what Thetas have accomplished after college. Then Myra Post Cady '95, gave a splendid talk on the ideals held by the girls who chartered Eta. It was a delightful afternoon for us all; we wish we could have such talks oftener. The Detroit alumnae chapter will celebrate Founders'-day on February 3 by a luncheon at the Addison.

In the last JOURNAL the announcement of our house warming was made for December 10. This was changed to February 23, and initiation and the banquet are to be February 24. We have our hopes high indeed for this first initiation in our new home, and hope to have the house full to overflowing.

Our freshmen have presented the wainscoting in the reception hall as their gift to the new house.

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Doris E. Porter

'95 Myra Post Cady (Mrs William B.) entertained us at tea in her home in Detroit on Dec. 30.

'99 Mabel Gale Lowrie (Mrs Albert) had charge of the Intercollegiate County Fair given in Detroit before Christmas. The Michigan Girls' glee club, of which Clara Jones '17, and Gladys Lynch '17, are members, took part in the program. The proceeds went to the Collegiate bureau of occupations.

'03 Helen Post Steele was in Ann Arbor before the holidays.

'08-ex Ruth Manville Sinclair has been visiting in Detroit.

'11-ex Julia Williams Brette has been visiting her family in Detroit for several weeks. She made a short visit at the chapter house on Jan. 26.

'14 Francis Lakin spent the week-end of Jan. 27 in Ann Arbor.

'15-ex Ruth McCandliss has sent us a letter from Hoihow, Hainan, China, written before Thanksgiving. She speaks very interestingly of the dreadful conditions existing there because of Gen. Lung, the Canton revolutionist who had been banished to the island of Hainan with his cohorts of soldiers. From unhealthy living places for these men has resulted a great deal of illness, "Father's hospital is full to overflowing—200 'impatients' for one doctor to manage is no easy task." She tells, too, of trying to teach 150 little urchins how to march in and out of Sunday School and Church while the victrola plays the Maryland march. Evidently Chinese boys are much like American boys in their activity and mischievousness.

'15 Mary Lynn Findley (Mrs Frank) visited Ann Arbor Dec. 1. Margaret Irving '14, Ellen Earle Riggs '14, Marion Peterson (Vassar '15, Mich.

'16), Esther Cook '16, Emma Riggs '19-ex, were in Ann Arbor during the Christmas holidays.

'16 Mary Ethel Spencer is teaching in Clinton, Ill.

'16 Muriel Tyson's engagement to Frederick E. Parsons of Grand Rapids was announced on Dec. 11.

'16 Gertrude Roos of Manistique, Mich. visited the chapter house on Jan. 5.

'17-ex Margaret Ewing's engagement to C. Burton Barnard, A T Ω, was announced on Jan. 5.

'17 Clara Jones, Mildred Crissey, and Rowena Bastin (special), took part in *The magic carpet*, a play given by the Cosmopolitan club of the university. This is a banner year for the club for they have a membership of 170, representing 27 nations. The enrollment of foreign students at the present time is the greatest in the history of the university.

IOTA—CORNELL UNIVERSITY

The pledges that we introduced to you so proudly in our last letter are now in the active ranks, and our pride in them increases with every meeting. The initiation banquet went off splendidly, for the first time in a house of our own. A large number of our alumnæ were present, just breathing success and Theta spirit, which could not help but impress the freshmen, to say nothing of the rest of us.

University work seems especially heavy for all of us, this term, and we snatch with more appreciation than ever the brief periods when we are all together. The girls living in the house, of course, have a much better opportunity than those outside. This is only one more shout of joy at having the house.

So much interesting business comes up in meetings and the time flies so fast, that the freshmen now have to "sign up" for twelve o'clock instead of eleven, so that, much to their joy (?) they will have time to wash the dishes.

Sunday teas and guests for meals so far constitute the extent of our entertaining, but these seem to be very successful and we are looking forward to doing more next term, especially our dance.

The sophomores gave us a very clever imitation of the proper manner in which a meeting should be conducted, in connection with our education program, which we all enjoyed hugely.

One of our members, Amy Luce, has been elected chairman of a Vocational conference for women to be held at Cornell. The committee hopes to have a series of lectures by specialists in different vocations, and one by Miss Snow, president of the Intercollegiate bureau of occupations.

A new member of Iota wishes to say "howdy" to you, "Knut" our Theta dog.

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Winifred Romer

'11 Mrs Shumake (Peggy Switzer) visited the house for two weeks just before Christmas vacation.

Katherine Rodger, Gladys Gilkey, and Virginia Switzer, all three of whom we lost this term on account of illness, are returning for the spring term.

'06 & '12 Abbie Potts and Katherine Potts have presented Iota with a beautiful lamp as a memorial for their sister, Jean Potts '12.

'98 Mrs Joseph Matson has moved from Ft. Hamilton, Brooklyn, N. Y. to 1014 3d st. Brookings, S. D. where Capt. Matson is Commandant and instructor of military tactics in the South Dakota state college.

KAPPA—UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS

Our Christmas dinner, one of the chapter's most prized customs, was attended this year by the most elegant of gentlemen and resplendent of ladies. Valeska Suratt, one of our alumnæ in disguise, was prominent, displaying all the arts and charms of the real vampire of the "movies." Around the gay little tree were heaped the gifts, accompanied by rhymes, which made their application only too apparent. Later, we danced—Valeska easily being the belle of our Christmas ball.

As for chapter stunts, our freshman katsup is the one most enjoyed. The freshmen act as their own managers, publicity agents, stars, and scene shifters in producing an original stunt party. The upper-classmen's foibles provide a peculiar source for dramatic material, and are always utilized. Last spring our first real stunt party was given to which alumnæ and their friends were invited. The money collected was used for house furnishings. As one feature of that program, Theta types were presented, the Second floor girl, the Third floor girl, and the Town girl, who sang their grievances and particular achievements.

Kappa is well represented in college organizations and activities. We have four members of the German Verein; one each of the Botany, Entomology, Zoology, and Home economics clubs; two members of Pi Gamma Sigma; one of Omicron Nu; two members of Quill club; two on the *Sour Owl* board; one on the *Jayhawker* board; two members of the Blackfriars club (dramatics); one on the student council; one on first cabinet of the Young Women's Christian association and one on the second cabinet; secretary of the Woman's athletic association.

Kappa is very proud of her scholarship record of 1915-16, as first of all the women's fraternities in the college. To inspire the freshmen with ambitions for another such record, we are giving a Theta badge to the freshman making the highest grades. Final quizzes are now finished; we have returned from mid-term vacations, and are now preparing for the initiation of our new loyal Thetas on February 10.

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Elsie Patterson

Those alumnæ who returned for our Christmas dinner are: '16 Mabel Perry, '17-ex Marjorie Hires, '12-ex Sarah Morrison, and '17-ex Katherine Keizer.

The engagement of Ruth Harger and Giles Maxwell was announced at our Christmas dinner.

'17-ex Katherine Keizer is spending the winter in California.

Jessie Burnett, Alpha Upsilon, was here for the Junior prom.

The engagement of Frances Sawyer and Roy Folks, $\Phi K \Psi$, has been announced.

Miss Oolooah Burner, Alpha, visited the chapter house, while conducting Young Women's Christian association meetings in the college.

Ida Perry '16, and Esther Johnson '20-ex, were here for the Beta Turkey Pull.

'18 We regret very much that Lydia Tomlinson will be unable to return to college this semester because of illness.

Elizabeth Harris, Alpha Mu, was here for the $\Sigma A E$ Christmas dinner.

Helen Crawford, Omega, was here for a $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ party.

Hazel Allison Forde spent Monday, Jan. 15, at the chapter house.

LAMBDA—UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT

Ten loyal freshmen are making life interesting for Lambda. December 16 we pledged Hazel Cameron, Hazel Field, Ursula Kimball, Katherine Pease, Margaret Smart, and Marguerite Weston, of Burlington; Mary Bishop, of Barre; Natalie Noyes, of Hyde Park; and Rachel Ward, of Springfield, Vermont; and January 6 we pledged Nellie Swasey, of Waterbury. They are all proving themselves such splendid pledges that we are constantly congratulating each other on our good taste in freshmen!

Our last rushing party before neutral week was a dinner given December 8 at the home of Helen Hall '18, followed by dancing, a joke Christmas tree, and other stunts.

On January 13 the pledges of Pi Beta Phi entertained the pledges of Kappa Alpha Theta with a snow shoe party and supper.

Our Founders'-day celebration was an especially jolly one this year. Our alumnae (aren't the alumnae always the ones who plan our best good times?) invited us to the fraternity rooms and gave us a dinner and an evening of original fun that we cannot soon forget. And through it all we were reminded that it was to the valor and devotion of our Founders that we owe our privileges of sisterhood.

The University of Vermont is to have a new department of physical education next year. Dr W. P. Edmunds, Michigan '12, has been engaged as professor of physical education and graduate manager of athletics. He will be assisted by Morris R. Wilcox, U. V. M. '16, as gymnasium instructor.

We had a very special treat the evening of January 26 when Fritz Kreisler gave a violin concert at the university gymnasium. He was assisted by the baritone, Reinhold Warlick, whose accompaniments were played by Kreisler himself.

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Pearl M. Grandy

'94 May Boynton has been elected vice-president of the Burlington alumni association of the University of Vermont.

'97 Blanche Brigham has the position of teller in the Lamoille county bank at Hyde Park, Vt.

'97-ex Mabel E. Kidder of Proctor, Vt. visited the chapter on Founders'-day.

'09 Born to Mr and Mrs Henry C. Brownell (Jennie Menut) of Canton, China, a daughter, Priscilla Bartlett, July 1, 1916.

'10 Marjorie J. Hulburt is working in her father's insurance office in Hyde Park.

'10 Clara A. Bond was at home for the Christmas vacation. She is teaching this year in Somerville, Mass.

'11 Lois Redmond is teaching in the high school at Lyndon Center, Vt.

'14 The engagement of Nina G. Shepardson to Robert T. Merrill has been announced. Mr Merrill, who is a graduate of Cornell, is now principal of Bradford academy.

'14 Beatrice Moore was home for Christmas.

'14 Jeannette Sparrow gave a tea for her mother at the fraternity rooms Dec. 1.

'16 Grace Scofield was among the cast of *Fi-fi of the toy shop* which was played with great success in Burlington Jan. 18 and 19.

'16 Katherine Dudley was in Burlington Dec. 22-23 on her way home for the Christmas holidays.

'16 Ethel Ward spent Christmas in Providence, R. I.

'16 Helen Rutter, who is teaching in Johnson, was at her home in Burlington for the Christmas holidays.

'16-ex Dorothy Votey was at home for a few days at Thanksgiving time.

'13 Mary J. Simpson, Edith Coulman '14, Nina Shepardson '14, and Katherine Dudley '16, were in Burlington for the concert given by Fritz Kreisler Jan. 26.

MU—ALLEGHENY COLLEGE

Formidable, cold weather and a scholarship standard, which keeps one with his nose in a book a large part of the time, have not been noticeably conducive to activities, social or otherwise.

The one interesting college event of the new year is the senior-sophomore banquet which was held at the Lawrence hotel in Erie, January 18. This exciting affair takes place annually on the most opportune evening between October and June. It is the traditional duty of the junior and freshman classes to prevent this banquet from taking place, and a man not keen enough to evade the enemies' clutches is sure to lose about eighty-seven per cent of his crowning beauty. Anticipating the worst, all plans are made and carried out with the deepest secrecy, and because of the rather strenuous nature of the proceedings "no ladies need apply." However, this time nothing particularly disastrous happened as the senior-sophomores managed their banquet so efficiently that the opposing classes were outwitted.

On January 20, our pledges entertained us at a very clever picnic given in the fraternity rooms. The invitations carried the instruc-

tions to "come dressed as a kid at a county fair"; and if the freshmen had desired merely to see which of their big sisters could be the most undignified their curiosity must have been satisfied sufficiently; for our seven seniors were so ridiculously funny that they carried off all the honors.

As Founders'-day was so thoughtless as to come when we were frantic over mid-years, our celebration had to be a very simple but very delightful sewing-bee. Our sewing activities were purely objective as the things which were made were some necessary accessories for our rooms.

Mu is making plans now to camp on Lake Erie the first two weeks in July. It is our sincere wish that all Thetas, who can do so, will visit us there—"come they from near us or come they from far."

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Adelaide Singley

'97 Mrs E. Wayne Robinson (Blanche Bascom) is living at 2019 E. Pennsylvania av. Warren, Pa.

'99 Sabra Vought is now a librarian at the University of Illinois. Address: University library, Urbana, Ill.

'03 Ruth Townley has been elected president of the Pittsburgh alumnae chapter.

'04 Born in Dec. to Mr and Mrs Joseph Utley (Bessie Dutton) a son, Charles Cameron. Mrs Utley's address is 1502 Centennial av. McKeesport, Pa.

'04-ex Mrs Richard Cuthbert (Francis Cartwright) has removed to 29 N. College st. Washington, Pa.

'08 Born in Dec. to Mr and Mrs George Elwood Jones (Wahnita Danford) a son, George Elwood, Junior.

'14 Gertrude Hammond has announced her engagement to Mr. Walter Murray, Σ A E, of Reynoldsville, Pa.

RHO—UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA

"Ours if we keep it for aye

Ours if we cast it away."

All the little disappointments and heartaches are cast away and a New Year is given to us to enjoy and cherish for aye. We have found in the past year that the more you do as an individual to make your fraternity a success, the more you live up to its ideals; the better you play your part, the more you will love it, and the greater will be your capacity for love and sacrifice for good among the people in the large field of activities in the future. By this knowledge we shall strive for better and broader achievements in the coming year.

The holiday season was filled with gladness. Our first tree in our new house was covered with treasures and it seemed as though each one of our alumnae remembered that we would want little luxuries and comforts which we felt we could not supply just yet. Soft velvety cushions came for the davenport, two new rugs for the living-room, a few choice articles for the mantel, and a new wicker chair. Then the freshmen surprised us with a new reading lamp, and our delight simply bubbled over.

Just before the Christmas vacation the University girls' club, of which Louise Coe is president, gave their annual Cornhusker party. It was such fun!—and a masquerade, of course, always calls forth the highest frivolity. There were Highland lassies, Mlle. Caprices. Fashion models, Hawaiian dancers, and all types of little newsboys. Dancing and Orpheum skits kept every one continually on the move.

The University players offered as their fall production *Ready money*. Catherine Pierce took part and we were all proud of her and her ability.

Eva Miller who has been the editor-in-chief of *The Daily Nebraskan* for the past semester will continue on the staff as contributing editor.

Alice Temple was recently elected president of Mystic Fish, an honorary freshman organization.

Helen Cook

'13 Ruth Lindley was married to Harold Noble, A T Ω, Jan. 30. They will make their home in Kansas City, Mo.

'14-ex Virginia Lewis of Springfield, Ill. stopped for a visit with us on her way to California where she and her mother will spend the winter.

'10-ex Mr and Mrs James Hodge announce the engagement of their daughter, Marie, to Mr Sam Carrier, Φ K Ψ, of New York City. The wedding will take place sometime in Feb.

Sorrow has come to our chapter with the death of two loving mothers, Mrs Finch of Grand Island, Grace's mother, and Mrs Cline, the mother of Catherine Cline and Martha Cline Huffman.

'12 Louise Barr Anderson of Fullerton has been visiting her parents in Lincoln.

'16 Alice Proudfit is spending this winter in Florida.

'12-ex Mr and Mrs H. R. Black (Hazel Hamilton) announce the birth of a daughter, Dec. 27. Their home is now 416 Atlantic av. Long Beach, Cal.

'19-ex Bernice Shaffer will return to college this coming semester.

'12 Marian Preece was with us for our Christmas tree.

SIGMA—UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

There are possibly people to whom the first of December is of no more importance than, for instance, the first of November and of considerably less than the first of January or the first of April. Of such, be it only remarked that they are not of Sigma. For to Sigma the first of December was the day which made full-fledged Thetas of Kathleen Davidson '17, Helen Kirkwood, Mary Reid, and Edith Williams '20—besides being the occasion of what was, in the fullest sense of the term, "a jolly party." Our fifth pledge, Mary Brebner '20, is not to be initiated until next year.

Although dances and other "frivolous" college functions have been even more reduced in number than last year, we have suffered no lack of entertainment. Plays have been absorbing all superfluous energy. Plays of every size and description, from the Russian

comedies of the Literary society to the French and Italian efforts of the Modern language club, culminating really gloriously in the Dramatic club's delightful production of *A school for scandal*. Agnes Muldrew as Sir Peter Teazel, Adeline Lobb as Lady Sneerwell, and Erskine Keys as Sir Benjamin Backbite, nobly upheld the honor of Sigma.

Fortnightly Red Cross teas at the indispensable "Union" have taken the place of the more aimless festivities of antebellum days, and proved triumphantly that a tea "with a purpose" loses none of its gayety thereby. One ceremony of unique interest we may boast among the events of the year. On January 23, at a special Convocation, the degree of Doctor of Laws was conferred by the University of Toronto upon the Duke of Devonshire, the New Governor General of Canada.

Founders'-day was delightfully celebrated by a moonlight snowshoe tramp—a most hilarious gathering of about thirty. More hilarious, perhaps, because the time has come for settling down and "forward looking thoughts" of a nature not entirely pleasant. The powers that be have at last definitely announced "short term" and examinations begin on April 9. We are being forced to think even beyond examinations, for most of us are planning to do National Service in some form or other this summer. Registration cards have recently been issued by the President, in order to find out the number of students available for such service.

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Elsie Graham

Six Thetas, with several non-fraternity girls, have rented the Kappa Alpha chapter house, as all the latter have enlisted for overseas.

'05 Evelyn Ward Dickson and her new little son were in Hamilton at Christmas time.

'09 Mono McLaughlin has given up her position in the Patriotic fund and is now in the Provincial labor department, under Dr Riddell.

'10 Olive MacKay is taking lectures at the Presbyterian Deaconess house. She is one of those living at the Kappa house.

'12 Jessie Fergusson is working in munitions.

'14 Daintry Martin is also in munitions.

'15 The engagements of Lois McPhedran to Caspar Fraser and of Marjory Fraser to Rev J. Mutch were announced at the Initiation banquet.

'16 Marjorie Ross and Helen d'Avignon were in town for a few days.

TAU—NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

Tau was well represented at the Kappa Alpha Theta Founders'-day luncheon held at the Union League club of Chicago, Saturday, January 27. Miss Jeanette Gemmill '16 was the toast-mistress, and forty-five Tau girls, active and alumnae, were present. During the course of the luncheon, Mrs Dorsett, president of the

Chicago alumnae chapter, told of the recent formation of a Chicago alumnae Panhellenic association, in which fifteen of the eighteen national women's fraternities are represented. Mrs Dorsett, as chairman of the social committee, is very busy planning for the first annual luncheon of the organization to be held sometime in April.

Victoria Irwin is our delegate to convention, and a very good delegate she is going to make, too; for "Tory" has always been an active worker in the chapter. Tau is planning to have at least twenty-five girls at convention and is hoping to have a chapter house-party immediately afterwards.

Miss Edna Johnson announced her engagement to Delbert George Gerton at a recent "cozy." Mr Gerton, who is a Delta Upsilon from the University of Illinois, is at present representing a Chicago business firm over in London. Edna, who was junior president last year, graduates this June, and after her marriage in December, will probably represent Theta's interests across the water.

Theta was well represented at the Allied Bazaar held at the Coliseum, January 11-20. Many of the girls served as workers at the flower booth and at the Australian-New Zealand booth.

As a means of furthering a better spirit of good-fellowship among the members of the various women's organizations, the girls have instituted the idea of having "guest day" once a month at "cozy." Theta is heartily in favor of the plan, and is doing her best to endorse it. So far, we have had but one guest day; at that "cozy" we were very glad to be able to entertain guests from Kappa Kappa Gamma, and Alpha Phi. It is our plan to entertain representatives from all the women's fraternities on the campus.

'16 Jeanette Gemmill is alumnae delegate from Kappa Alpha Theta to Northwestern university Panhellenic association.

'15 Sarah Wheelock is teaching in Wilmette, Ill.

'15 Helen Borton has just returned from an extended trip East.

Miss Frances Pearl Greenough, Y. W. C. A. secretary at Northwestern, spent the first part of Feb. visiting many of the colleges in Illinois in the capacity of Y. W. C. A. traveling secretary. This position, however, was only temporary, and we are glad to welcome her back again to Northwestern.

'19 Miss Kathleen Rowe will be unable to return to college next semester because of ill health.

'19 Gladys Bell leaves this month for an extended trip to California with her parents.

UPSILON—UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

Since the last issue of the *Journal*, Minnesota has been actively engaged in a campaign to raise \$150,000 for the Young Men's Christian association building. Early in the fall Mr Rockefeller gave \$50,000 to the college on the condition that \$100,000 be

raised by the association. The women's fraternities, thinking that it was a good cause, contributed to this fund.

On December 19, a large convocation was held in the Armory in honor of Maria Sanford, who celebrated her eightieth birthday on that day. President Vincent spoke at length about the work of Miss Sanford in this state, and introduced her as the "most beloved woman in the state." It is with deep regret that the students at Minnesota have heard of the resignation of President Vincent, who has accepted the position of president of Rockefeller institute.

The Christmas party, with its traditional poems and jokes, was enjoyed by all of the active Thetas and many of the alumnae. The Twin City alumnae presented the house with a beautiful silver tea-service; Mrs Fowler gave us a large brown silk shade for the mahogany piano-lamp which the active girls bought for the house for Christmas. Psi sent us an electric fan which we appreciate very much.

The annual Founders'-day banquet, which was held January 20 at the Leamington, was attended by ninety-four Thetas. Hazel Lotze acted as toast-mistress. The following responses were given: *Theta's high cost of living*, Clara Fanning; *Her castles in the air*, Luella Bussey; *Every Theta*, Mrs C. M. Gay; *The actives*, Alice Harker; *After actives*, Althea Heitsmith. After the toasts a short program was given by the active girls.

As high school graduates are now admitted to college second semester, rushing rules have been changed somewhat. Women's fraternities are allowed registration dates, to be followed by one week of non-rushing. After a rush of two weeks, invitations, instead of being sent through a third party, are sent directly to the home of the girl. Pledge-day has been announced as March 1.

We are very sorry that outside duties have made necessary the resignation of Elva Leonard as District president. Upsilon is looking forward with great pleasure to a visit from our new president.

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Ellen Goodrich

'01 Clara Fanning has returned from Washington, D. C. where she was doing library work.

'06 Mr and Mrs L. F. Carpenter (Ruth Haynes) are traveling in Cal.

'06 Hazel Lotze has announced her engagement to Harold Whitaker, Θ Δ X.

'12 Born in Dec. to Marion Smith Bussey (Mrs W. H.) a son.

'13 The engagement of Kate Martin and Wm. Dorr has been announced.

'13 Mary Fraser has announced her engagement to Terrence Gilbert.

'15 Althea Heitsmith, out of a group of twenty-five, won highest place in the civil service examinations and was offered the position of city truant officer.

'16 Florence Drewry is studying in Faribault, Minn.

'19 Edith Cotton was elected treasurer of Music club.

'19-ex Frances Falck, A N, was here for banquet.

'19 Bernice Berry, A N, has left college and is studying music in Los Angeles, Cal.

PHI—STANFORD UNIVERSITY

Phi has just finished a very successful rushing season. As second semester rushing is not as formal as that of first semester, we feel very proud to have added three such fine girls to our number. On matriculation day we pledged Ruth Visel of Santa Anna and Jean Darsie of Palo Alto and a few days later added Elizabeth Huneke of Los Angeles.

In order to make money for the Scholarship fund, the respective classes of this chapter are giving stunts, charging admission to the members of the other classes. Only the freshmen have given a stunt so far, which was entitled *Freshman follies*; but the secrecy between certain groups of girls prophecy some more clever stunts in the near future.

Phi has a new house-mother, Mrs Ripley, of Portland, Oregon. She is to be introduced to the Stanford campus by a tea in her honor February 13, and I might add that she will, no doubt, be as popular with others as she is with the Theta girls.

Instead of the usual birthday party, most of the girls went to the District luncheon in San Francisco and afterwards to the theater, thus celebrating our birthday in a novel manner.

Great interest is being taken in the erecting of the college president's new home. Ground was broken the middle of January for this \$25,000 mansion situated on a hill overlooking the campus.

Much comment has been raised by the new rule forbidding the use of machines on the roads surrounding the Quad. The roads surrounding the buildings are closed to traffic by great chains.

Nothing has been definitely decided for the coming year in Panhellenic, but the fraternities are discussing the continuance of the lawyer system, matriculation day pledging, and formal or informal rushing. Theta stands for the lawyer system, for informal rushing and for a longer season.

Elizabeth Elliott

'15 Mary Curry has left for Columbia university to study for a doctor's degree.

'17 Nancy Lee Williard of Los Angeles, did not return to college this semester but expects to be back in the fall.

'17 Mary Flowers returned to the university this semester after a short leave of absence.

'19 Mildred Ellis, Psi, is visiting Phi.

'19 Genevieve King, Gamma, is spending the winter at Stanford.

CHI—SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

This is the place where Chi stops a minute "to look before and after," draws a deep breath, and prepares to start the next semester with great bustle and vim. *Mid-years* are over and the gay events

of senior week are fast ticking off our schedules. On February 1, classes begin again.

On December 17 we had our annual Christmas party. But we had more than Woolworth's presents and the junior spread this year. Five pounds of Huyler's appeared mysteriously from somewhere and announced, much to our surprise and pleasure, the engagement of Esther Waldron '16-ex to Mr David Sullins du Vault.

Now we are all looking forward with great expectations. On February 2, we shall celebrate Founders'-day with our alumnæ; the next week will bring announcements of Phi Beta Kappa elections; and we smile to ourselves proudly, secure in the knowledge that Chi will have new honor added to her record; on March 23 comes initiation, with the banquet the next night—and we confidently expect more boxes of Huyler's. Next month, too, come the interfraternity basketball finals between Theta and Alpha Chi Omega. We hope to retain the championship we won last year.

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Frederica Smith

'09 Mrs Herbert Faus (Bricea Wright) visited her parents in Syracuse at Christmas time.

'10 The new address of Edna Ackerman Greathhead (Mrs John F.) is 210 W. Highland av. Philadelphia, Pa.

'10 Helen Wright visited in New York during the holidays.

'12 Married Jan. 1, Florence Herr to Mr Frederick Brachman of East Orange, N. J. Marion Herr '18, was her sister's maid of honor and Thyra Stiles '15, and Elsa Volckman '16, were among the bridesmaids.

On Dec. 29, Elsa Volckman '16, Helen Volckman '18, and Eloise Roberts '19, were guests at an Iota-Chi luncheon given by Ellen Marx of Iota at her home in Newark, N. J.

Florence Walldorff '17, Mildred Kenney '17, Alice Taylor '18, Evalyn Payne '18, and Alletta Henderson '18, visited Mable Chapin '15 at her home in Oneida on Dec. 9.

'16 Esther Wright visited the chapter in Dec.

'16 Married Jan. 4, at Conifer, N. Y. Francis Caffisch and Segur Delling, $\Phi K \Psi$, S. U. '16.

It is the custom of the Chi girls who live near New York to have a theater party annually during the holidays. This year the following Thetas attended: Helen Wright '10, Clara Preston '14, Katherine Rowley '15, Esther Waldron '16, Elsa Volckman '16, Mildred Kenney '17, Ruth Kenney '17, Helen Volckman '18, Edith Conger '18-ex, Alletta Henderson '18, Esther Wright '16, Eloise Roberts '19, Roberta Saunders '20.

On Dec. 27, Elsa Volckman '16, gave a Theta linen shower for Florence Herr '12. The guests were: Polly Stevens Dexter '14-ex, Ruth Morrison '14, Winnifred Buck '10-ex, Clara Preston '14, Thyra Stiles '15, Katherine Rowley '15, Pauline Case '15-ex, Edith Conger '16-ex, Mildred Kenney '17, Ruth Kenney '17, Alletta Henderson '18, Marion Herr '18, Ellen Marx, Iota '19, Esther Waldron '16-ex, Esther Wright '16, Roberta Saunders '20, and Helen Volckman '18.

'19 Frances Terwilliger, Edna Laurie, Hilda de Brine, and Margaret Sentell were in Sodus during senior week.

PSI—UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN

At present we are looking forward to the Junior prom which is to be held in the state capitol, February 9. One of our girls, Martha Marquart, has been invited to lead the prom with the chairman.

Since our last letter, we have initiated two more upperclassmen, Sarah Taylor and Edna Parker, on December 11. Our pledges, on December 15, gave us a dancing party at the Woman's building. As usual, we had our Christmas party, December 18, where the juniors entertained. Imogene Burch acted as Santa Claus, giving to each girl a candy cane and a personal limerick; gifts were also presented to the house by each class.

After our return from Christmas vacation, we gave a party for the Alpha Phis, who live next door to us. At this party, the newly initiated girls gave a stunt in four vaudeville acts, after which we had four kinds of fortune-telling, other games, dancing, and supper.

As we mentioned in our January letter, we intended celebrating Founders'-day; but the dinner and program which had been planned by the alumnae, was indefinitely postponed, when the unhappy news of Mrs Rosenberry's death came to us on January 26. Mrs Rosenberry was a member of Eta, but up to the time of her death had been living here in Madison, where her husband is a judge in the Supreme court.

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Genevieve Penhallegon

'91-ex Mrs Byron M. Caples (Grace Stelle of Epsilon) from Waukesha, was with us Jan. 18.

'14 Mr and Mrs Harmon Lewis (Winifred Rettger) have returned from South America, and are living in Philadelphia.

'15-ex Helen Bell has announced her engagement to Austin Matthews, Σ X.

'16 Anita Pleuss has announced her engagement to Byron Nelson '17.

'16 Dorothy Laing is at her home in Berlin, Wis.

'19-ex Mary Pontius will spend prom week with us.

'10 Erma Wohlenburg Fox (Mrs Edwin Gordon) has moved to 6722 Chappel av. Chicago, from her Evanston home. She spent part of the fall traveling in the White Mountains.

'11-ex Marguerite McConville is again supervisor of music in the Alexandria, Minn. schools.

'13-ex Born to Mrs Arthur Church (Nellie Finney) of Waupun, a daughter.

'13-ex Born to Mrs H. E. Bicksler (Margie Hurlbut) of New Hampton, Mo. a son, in June.

OMEGA—UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

The Christmas holidays are over, and after having led a care free existence for three weeks we are again hard at work. In numbers we are slightly smaller this semester as we have lost several girls through graduation. There have also been some changes in house

management. Mrs Louise Cavode, who has been our house-manager as well as chaperon for a year and a half has left us for a two months' visit in the East. Mrs Robertson will take her place as chaperon, while Ruth Edinger who has returned for a postgraduate course, has kindly consented to act as house-manager. We are very fortunate in this arrangement which makes Mrs Cavode's absence easier to bear than it would otherwise be.

We already feel quite at home in Wheeler hall, the new building just completed. It is the largest building on the campus, and is an imposing structure of white granite, which incloses not only the offices of many departments, but also contains a large assembly room seating a thousand, over a hundred lecture and recitation rooms, studies for the faculty, et cetera. The old, however, must always make way for the new, and North hall, for many years a landmark on the campus, will be removed in February. The student body will feel this loss particularly, as the lower floor of North hall has always in a way belonged to the students. It was here that the Students' Cooperative store, the Associated Women students' offices, the offices of the various student publications, et cetera, were located. It is hoped, however, that we can carry out our present plan of a Students' Union, a building which not only would furnish adequate space for the above mentioned offices, but also would provide a suitable and convenient center for the many student activities. Just at present it seems very possible that we may have such a building.

We are already thinking of next August and are busy working out plans for a new rushing season. During the rushing season, the strain on the rushees, as well as on the fraternity rushing them, presents quite a problem. To alleviate this as much as possible, Panhellenic has passed a new ruling which requires that all week-night rushing parties cease at half past eight o'clock. This term the revision of rushing rules and their strict enforcement promises to be the chief occupation of Panhellenic.

The women students of the university are very much occupied this semester with plans for the Partheneia, our annual masque in which only women take part. Many of the dancing choruses are already organized and rehearsing and special dancing classes have begun. Altogether the coming semester promises to be a very busy but happy one.

Augusta Rathbone

'95 Eliza Blake Thacher is visiting her mother in Berkeley.

'97 Ethel Olney Easton and her small son "Bobbie" have been visiting her parents in Oakland, since Thanksgiving. She will return shortly to her home in Santa Maria.

'99 Agnes Hart and her sister, Mrs Von Adelung '95, who went East in November and were joined there over the holidays by Professor Hart and Dr Von Adelung, have only recently returned.

'04 Carol Day has been a very active worker in the Berkeley branch of the Red Cross. She has been secretary of it and will continue to hold that position in the reorganization which has just been effected by the board of directors.

'05 Ethel Richardson who expected to return to California from her summer home in New Jersey has been delayed by the illness of her mother.

'07 Constance Stratton Parker has left for Washington where her husband is to become Professor of economics in the state university.

'08 Margaref Hayne has opened an office in San Francisco and is practising law.

Eleanor Slate Van Loben Sels is teaching German at Miss Ransom's school in Piedmont.

'11 Harriet Stringham de Witt has recently been visiting her mother in Berkeley and now expects to go to Carmel, where her husband is to occupy a pulpit for several weeks.

'14 Clotilde Grunsky is in charge of the vocational work at Mills college.

'16 Elinor Earle has left college this semester. Her marriage to Ransome Henshaw will take place soon.

'16 Sepha Pischell was married to Albert Evers on Dec. 5, and is now in China, where her husband is an architect.

'16 Helen Crawford graduated Christmas but is back in college as a postgraduate.

'17 Katharine Kirkpatrick due to an attack of tonsilitis, was unable to return to college this semester but will reenter college in August.

'18 Abby Edwards and Eleanor Burnham, after having been away for six months, have returned to college.

'16-ex Mildred Clark was married to Paul Peabody on Dec. 30.

'16 Gertrude Bangs who graduated at Christmas has returned for graduate work.

'15 Dorothy Reiber, who has been studying art in New York, has just returned to her home in Berkeley.

ALPHA BETA—SWARTHMORE COLLEGE

Initiation has been our high-water mark for important events since we last gave an account of ourselves. Beulah Green once more gave her house for this occasion, and on the afternoon of December 16 our eight pledges, one junior and seven freshmen, became full fledged members of Kappa Alpha Theta.

Since then Christmas has come and gone, and as usual, it brought with it our chapter party. The sophomores showed their ingenuity in working it up, and had joke presents accompanied by "poetry" for every one.

Since our return our little chapter world has been rather quiet, but college activities have kept many of us busy. The annual Sophomore show has been our latest college theatrical. This year *A thousand years ago* was presented and, as usual, it has been declared "the best Soph show ever given." Jessie Lewis, our affiliate from Chi, played the leading rôle of a Chinese princess with great success. Among the minor soloists, Irma Russell sang and Helen Biddle danced, while Mary Crosley and Alice Adams

helped out in the chorus. The week before Katherine Price starred in a junior class performance of *The kleptomaniac*, for the entertainment program of Somerville meeting.

In our attempt to better our scholarship, we have recently adopted a plan which we hope is proving effective. Every evening from seven-thirty until ten we have what we call study hall. It is held in one of the smaller classrooms of the dormitory, with an upper-classman in charge, and is carried on strictly under library rules, absolute silence is our slogan. The way it is patronized shows its popularity and need. A great deal may be accomplished in two and a half hours if a neighbor does not drop in for a chat or any of the other possible diversions do not occur. Study hall removes these excuses for poor work and we are hoping to see the results.

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Esther H. Philips

'94 Mr and Mrs William E. Walter (Caroline Sargent) left in the first part of Feb. for a two months' trip to California.

'11-ex Mrs Ralph Baker (Anne Gilkyson) has a daughter, Eleanor Trego, born on Jan. 12.

'13-ex Elizabeth Keller is studying nursing in Philadelphia. She is spending the winter at Hamilton Court, Philadelphia.

Katherine Fell gave a shower for Anna Fell during Jan.

ALPHA GAMMA—OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

Just now with examinations beginning in less than a week our main thought is study. To be sure this has been predominating all year, as greater stress is all the time laid upon scholarship. When the cup is awarded next fall we want Theta to be the proud owner of it.

Ohio State university was not overlooked in the tour of colleges by representatives of the Young Men's Christian association and the Young Women's Christian association who appealed to all the students to help better the conditions of the prison camps in Europe. Although the representatives were here only a few days the students pledged \$5,000. Kappa Alpha Theta was well represented in this offering as, instead of having our annual formal dance, we gave the money to the relief fund for the prisoners. However, we will not be without any kind of dance this year as the pledges are going to give one for us. It has been the custom for the pledges to entertain the upperclassmen and this year it seemed appropriate that they should entertain with a dance.

About the most talked of and thought of thing at the university now is the plan for a new Women's union. This building will contain a gymnasium, cafeteria, and theater as well as offices for the different women's organizations. So far the students, men as well as women, have made great progress in their efforts, and it

now rests with the state legislature to appropriate the money. However, the need is so apparent that little fear is entertained that the plan will be rejected.

Founders'-day this year will be celebrated by a luncheon given by the active and alumnae chapters. We hope to see many familiar faces at that time as well as at initiation, which will be held some time in February.

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Corinne L. Putnam

'07-ex Born to Mr and Mrs Frederick Aves (Florence Huston) of Galveston, Texas, a son.

'09-ex Mrs Herbert Booth (Marie Swartz) and son of Pittsburgh spent the holidays with Mrs Booth's parents.

'10-ex Mrs Harley G. Fowler (Florence Badger) Knoxville, Tenn. visited in Columbus during Nov.

'11-ex Mrs William Tawse (Elsie Dunnick) and daughter of Mansfield, Ohio, spent a few days with friends here.

'12-ex Mrs A. A. Hammond (Katharine Nickell) just returned from a visit of two weeks in New York.

'13-ex Mr and Mrs Kenneth Cooper (Florence Long) of Bellaire, Ohio, announce the birth of a son.

'13-ex Mrs John Eastman (Helen Sohl) and sons of Wellesley, Mass. spent the holidays with Mrs Eastman's parents.

'14-ex Born to Mr and Mrs Wayne F. Lee (Helen Barnhill) of Dayton, Ohio, a daughter, Jan. 16.

ALPHA DELTA—GOUCHER COLLEGE

This is the "between season" at Goucher. For the most part we speak in the past tense or the future. The hockey season was—and basketball will be. Junior play was—and senior dramatics and the famous Goucher boatrides are to be. Mid-years were—and finals—but why be pessimistic enough to look that far into the future for woes? Such, however, being our state, this is a bad season for writing of "interesting college events." Just at present we are living (mentally at least) in a mixture of pasts and futures. The most important future event is, of course, initiation and the initiation banquet at the Stafford. Since we did but yesterday emerge from mid-years, we have yet to hear whether or not all of our freshmen are to wear the kite on February 15. But we're very optimistic about it, and not particularly worried.

And the past event—well, that *was* an event! Mrs Mecklin came to Baltimore to visit us for two whole days. To those of us who have never been to conventions, the Grand council (with very large capitals, indeed, if you please!) has seemed a most awesome collection of celebrities. We learned their names, of course, and we knew that they were celebrities and we were really very proud of them. But now we know—

"Some velly, velly, velly much more!" The first time most of us saw Mrs Mecklin was at the fraternity meeting we had the

night she came. After the "regular business meeting" she told us about convention and all of the wonderful plans that are being made. If the whole entire chapter of Alpha Delta doesn't appear at convention it will be only abject poverty that keeps us away. For such a convention as Mrs Mecklin told us about seems almost too good to be true. We only hope that all of you may have a chance to hear her and be filled with an equal enthusiasm! The next day we gave a reception for her to which girls from all of the other fraternities as well as non-fraternity girls and some members of the faculty came. President and Mrs Guth were in the receiving line. After our guests had gone we sat around the open fire and "just talked"—and it was really then that our last lingering fears of the Grand council melted away.

Panhellenic is, just now, raising the question of rushing rules for next fall. In all probability we will have a very short season. Goucher has tried sophomore pledging, and eight-week pledging, and four-day pledging. Quite frankly, none of them seem very satisfactory. The four-day rush was tried for the first time, however, this year and it seems to be the system most favored by the authorities, so it will probably be tried at least once more. Nothing definite has been decided as yet and the city Panhellenic (an alumnae association) is working with the college branch in an attempt to work out some satisfactory solution.

1 February 1917

Gertrude Tunstall Edwards

ALPHA ETA—VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY

Since our last letter we have initiated six freshmen. Rebecca Ward, Elizabeth Lipscomb, Elizabeth Branham, Elizabeth Chester, Anne Culbert, and Corinne Frazier are now proud and happy wearers of the little black and gold kite. To be sure, this does not account for the nine girls whom we pledged in October, but of that number two have entrance conditions and the other has been compelled to leave college on account of her health. So, you see, we are all honorably dismissed and not one has failed to be taken in because of deficiency in college work.

While on the subject of scholarship, let it be known that out of five girls in the junior class who have been on the honor roll ever since entering the university, three are Thetas, and our average so far has been higher than last year.

A good many of our last year's girls returned for the holidays and, of course, we spent as much time together as possible. One afternoon we had tea at Evelyn Norton's, and again we had lunch at the chapter house, and thoroughly enjoyed it all. At the chapter house we were especially happy to have with us one lone man, a courageous Sigma Chi from Bucknell.

Since Christmas we have been having lunch at the house every Saturday after fraternity meeting. This coming together means a great deal to the new girls—in fact, I hardly think we could manage without this custom. We are constantly being surprised by the excellence of the culinary art possessed by our girls, particularly in view of the fact that a college education makes one impractical.

We had a splendid Founders'-day banquet. We sat at individual tables, which were decorated with lovely fresh yellow jonquils. Everything was warm and bright looking inside, though it was rather dreary outside. Miss Rauderbush, Psi, was our toast-mistress, and with her assistance our celebration was, as usual, a success. While at dinner our Memphis alumnae sent us a telegram saying that they, too, were celebrating and were with us in spirit. Of course, this sent another glow of enthusiasm to our hearts.

'16 Evelyn Norton came home for Christmas.

'18 Adelaide Haggard spent the holidays here.

'16-ex Roberta Dillon spent Christmas here, but has returned to Asheville to stay until April.

'14 Sadie Shofner was here with Elise Maney for Founders'-day banquet.

We are delighted to have Dorothy Ashley, Iota, as an affiliate this year.

'16-ex Mrs Marvin Holderness (Eunice Jackson) of St. Louis, spent the Christmas holidays here.

ALPHA THETA—UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS

After the Christmas holidays every Theta returned to college simply exuberant over the news of our successful scholastic achievements of the fall term. Alpha Theta had the good fortune to make an average of 7.13, which means that she made an average of 7.13 courses with an average of "C" in each course. The college requirement is only 6.11, which shows that Alpha Theta was at least above the normal. The chapter now feels that with continued effort we may acquire the loving-cup which is awarded each year to that woman's fraternity which makes the highest scholastic average.

Out of an honor roll of 291 students of the university, who made an average of "B" or higher in their work, Theta holds eight places.

The chapter celebrated Founders'-day by the annual stunt party given by the freshmen. This year's was a very novel affair in which every upperclassman was caricatured in some manner.

7 February 1917

Henryetta Lightfoot

'15 Lucy Johnson of San Marcos has been visiting in Corpus Christi.

'16 Katharine Talbot of Calvert was recently married to Mr Randle Miller of Hearne.

Mrs George Morrall (Elaine Lewis) has just returned to her home in Denton after visiting in Austin.

Helen Baker, Eta, has been a recent visitor of Mrs Raymond Everett of this city, who is also a member of Eta chapter.

ALPHA IOTA—WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

The thunder of approaching examinations is rumbling in the distance. Already the sky grows black with the storm which is due to break in little more than a week. And by the time this letter appears those saved from the havoc will have started upon a new semester.

On December 11, we initiated Claire Berry who is taking her Master's degree at Washington this year. She graduated from the university in 1914.

Mid-year rushing was made unlimited by Panhellenic. So far we have not discovered any desirable rushing material. The most recent improvement in Panhellenic is the creation of a penalizing board to try the cases of rule-breaking fraternities. The summer and fall rushing rules are now under discussion and we are glad to say that there is a strong tendency towards strictly limited rushing.

On January 3, the university announced the resignation of Chancellor Houston and the appointment of Dr Frederick A. Hall to his position. Dr Hall, who is the father of Eleanor Hall Horner '10, has been acting Chancellor since Mr Houston's Cabinet appointment four years ago.

A new national women's fraternity has appeared or soon will appear on the campus. Gamma Phi Beta has granted a charter to the local group, Tau Upsilon.

A Woman's union has been recently established with definite plans for more strongly uniting Washington alumnae and college women.

In time, the Union hopes to raise funds for the erection of a Woman's building. All Washington alumnae are eligible to membership.

15 January 1917

Alice M. Johann

'12 Born to Frances Clayton Stoecker, a son.

'15 Fanny Cushing has announced her engagement to Victor Harry Rhodes, Σ N '16.

Lucile Logan '18, and Ruth Zacher '16, returned to St. Louis for the holidays and were guests of the chapter at the Christmas party Dec. 26.

ALPHA KAPPA—ADELPHI COLLEGE

On January 16 initiation was held at the home of Grace Comiskey. To introduce our five new girls with great pleasure and pride may seem like the trite and conventional way of phrasing it, but if you only knew Molly Money Penny, Marjorie Carshaw, Phyllis Andrews, Helen Palmer, and Vivien O'Brien! To add to the splendor of initiation it was held at the home of one of our charter members and our alumnae were there in large numbers as well as Ruth Brownell of Lambda, Marjory Mix of Upsilon, and Katherine Johnson of Kappa.

The days are all too short for our plans—a dance, a rush party, a tea to the faculty, a charity bridge, and supper meetings, not to mention basketball, dramatic meetings, class parties, and the inevitable examinations. We are trying hard to raise the chapter's standard in scholarship by strict upperclass supervision. Our chapter is always a small one ranging from twelve to sixteen in number, and until this year we never found the system of assigned supervision successful. But realizing the need of bringing up new members in the proper way, we have tried the plan of upperclass supervision and we are looking forward to good results.

Furniture is the thought uppermost in our minds at the present time. At Adelphi the fraternities and clubs live in sort of "a community fashion." Each fraternity has a room which she furnishes and claims as her very own at any time, but one day a week each fraternity may occupy the whole house. Theta is planning to refurnish her room, and visions of wicker furniture, pretty draperies, and downy cushions are gradually turning into reality.

29 January 1916

Pearl Van Siclen

On Jan. 27 Marguerite Sutphen was married to Dr Frederick MacCurdy. New York alumnae will hold a meeting at the home of Miss Titus, Feb. 2, and through her kind invitation we are looking forward to meeting our "Big Sisters."

Gladys Simmons was married to Roy MacGregor Watt on Jan. 10.

'18-ex Miriam Medd is spending the winter in De Land, Fla.

ALPHA LAMBDA—UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON

The week before vacation came the annual Christmas party. The freshman stunt was a schoolroom skit where the children, in abbreviated petticoats and pantaloons, mischievously imitated the initiates and their friends. The Tacoma alumnae sent us a beautiful centerpiece and the underclassmen's present to the house was a floor lamp. The upperclassmen were very practical and replaced or completed several sets of china that were dropped by most amusing but rather fatally awkward Japanese boys, who have caused not a few gray hairs this year.

On New Year's night Mrs English gave a dance for Alice, so that those of us who were not town girls could come back to Seattle early for one good time with her, before she returned to Miss Hartman's in New York. A few days ago a little parcel addressed to the house, came as a reminder that Alice was still thinking about us, for it contained a dozen maderia serviettes. They were displayed in meeting and though the girls were all delighted with the gift we appreciated it most of all because of the thoughtfulness of the giver, of which we have had many evidences before.

The alumnae have presented us with a dainty silver card tray which is to be engraved with our scholarship standing each year. They hope, as we do, that both the tray and the inscription it bears, this year, will serve as an incentive for a high standard in years to follow.

The campus, like the house, seems to be receiving practical gifts. Home economics hall was just completed this fall, and now another building like it is under construction. The plan is to have a quadrangle, and the most recent part of it will be known as Commerce hall. It will replace the tottering old Education building, by furnishing a home for the *University of Washington Daily* and the journalism department, and will afford recitation rooms for other departments as well.

The Woman's league building has been given by the administration to the United States Bureau of mines, since there was no other building in which to house that valuable addition to the university. Several rooms in the Home economics hall have been set apart for the Woman's league and, although these rooms do not serve their purpose as well as the old building did, the women have cheerfully borne the loss because of the greater gain in having the Mines' bureau.

Two Theta sisters have entered college this semester and have made us very happy by pledging before the regular date, which is too late to have the results announced in this journal. Our two new girls are Marjorie Cook and Katherine Corbin.

Marjorie Kohlman

Helen Enegren is tutoring in Aberdeen, Wash.

Victorine Bouillon has gone East to finish her musical education.

'13-ex Irene Farley was married to B. N. Schnoor in Chicago, on Sept. 19, 1916. Her address is 253 Pleasant st. Oak Park, Ill.

'13-ex Claire Dean was married to Donald H. Lutz, K Σ, on Sept. 8, 1916. Her address is 702 11th av. N. Seattle.

'10 A second son was born to Mr and Mrs Alton Cooper (Irene Patton) in Sept. 1916.

'13 A son was born to Mr and Mrs Robert M. Burgunder (Ruth de Pledge) on Jan. 10, 1917.

'12 Robin McKinley sailed from San Francisco, Jan. 5, 1917 for Manila, P. I. She was married there on Feb. 6, 1917 to Claude E. Phipps, Φ Δ Θ. Her address is Davao, Davao Province, P. I.

'11 Effie Cordz McLaren visited here in Oct.

The new address of Hazel Ramaker Brown (Mrs Homer) is 2020 East Lynne, Seattle; Roxy Smith Bremner (Mrs Robt. P.) is now living at 6315 12th av. N. E. Seattle; Winnifred McLean DeLand (Mrs Robt.) has moved to 4635 1st st. N. E. Seattle; Neita Garthune Parker (Mrs I. C.) has a new address—1524 Franklin av. Seattle; Bess Smith White (Mrs G. R.) is now living at 2201 E. Howell st. Seattle.

Mrs Louis W. Austin, Psi, of Cleveland Park, Washington, D. C. visited the campus and chapter house Nov. 23.

'14 Mable Remsberg has announced her engagement to Alfred Stone, K Σ '10, from the University of Minnesota. He is at present teaching music at her studio in Everett, Wash.

'07 Myra Pielow Fowler (Mrs Arthur) has just recovered from a serious operation.

'07 May Findley Jelliff (Mrs Charles) who is living in Mansfield, Ohio, spent part of last summer visiting in Seattle.

'09 Grace Ridgeway Curtis (Mrs Charles O.) has returned to Seattle from Everett since the death of her husband, Lieut. Curtis, who was killed in the recent I. W. W. riot at Everett.

'15 Clotilde Patton is teaching at Everett, Wash.

'10 Carrie Heffner Alexander (Mrs E. D.) has recently had an operation and is rapidly recovering.

'08 Born to Nellie May Dunlap White (Mrs Eugene) a daughter, in June.

ALPHA MU—UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI

Only a few short weeks now until our birthday banquet which will take place February 12. We understand that our alumnae letters have proved most effective and so are hoping to have this the biggest event of the year.

Fraternity agitation has been a topic of consternation at the University of Missouri during the last month. Mrs Leaphart, Kappa Kappa Gamma's Grand vice-president, is head of the alumnae committee which is taking active measures to prevent anti-fraternity legislation. The Dean of women is now at work compiling statistics on the relative amount of money spent by fraternity and non-fraternity women.

Alpha Mu had the extreme pleasure of a short visit from Miss Oolooah Burner of Alpha chapter. Miss Burner is traveling for the National student's association of the Young Woman's Christian association.

Our plans are all made for rushing. Mrs Moulton is to give us a tea on February 1, and we are to give several dinner parties for the new girls who are entering.

Bob Simpson has broken another record. He won the championship for both low and high hurdles at the New York meet.

The Education department is to present the pageant, *Every man*, on February 22. A good many of the girls are to take part.

'17 Helena Wilbur has been elected to Phi Beta Kappa.

'16 Mary Quayle was married to Lieut. Omar Nelson Bradley during Christmas week. Address: Yuma, Ariz.

'16 Christine Spencer has recovered from her recent illness.

'16 Helen Lowry announced her engagement to Samuel Ayres, Φ Γ Δ. The wedding will take place some time in June.

'16-ex Winnifred Limerick Toel (Mrs Court) was here for the annual Christmas dinner.

Willia Spier Modisett's (Mrs C. L.) address is, Alliance, Neb.

'18 Clara Grigsby has returned to college for the second semester.

'18-ex Frances Dobyms returned for mid-semester rushing.

The chapter received the following Christmas gifts: A silver sandwich tray from Lulu Turner; a picture from Edna Garth; a silver pie knife from Mrs Taylor; and a wicker settee from the freshmen.

Mrs A. K. Risser, Delta, has accepted a position as secretary to the head of the Extension department of Missouri university.

ALPHA NU—UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA

Alpha Nu had its annual Christmas party this year just two days before the holiday vacation began. The active members were hostesses to the alumnae and pledges. With our new pledges and town alumnae, the party proved unusually festive and real Christmas cheer abounded.

Soon after our return to college, we pledged Virginia McAuliffe of Butte, who is a member of the freshman class. This makes our final number of prospective Thetas thirteen. Weekly pledge meetings, conducted by one of the active members, are helping them to realize the worth and high ideals of the organization.

Founders'-day, this year, was observed in Alpha Nu by a short musical program and quiet social hour, followed by a buffet supper. Only alumnae and pledges, with the active members, were together at the chapter house.

Panhellenic at the University of Montana is contemplating a reorganization of its constitution. This will be supervised by the new Dean of women, Mrs K. W. Jameson. Mrs Jameson is also preparing for a Woman's vocational congress to be held at the university in April.

The University of Montana was recently admitted into the Northwest conference, which of course is a step forward.

The resident alumnae were glad to welcome Miss Elgine Warren from Alpha Lambda, who was a visitor in Missoula during the holidays. Miss Warren is the fiancée of Ralph D. Casey, who this year came from Seattle to become a member of the School of journalism faculty.

'16 Isabel Gilbert was a visitor for a week-end during the early part of Jan.

'15 Merle Kettlewell spent most of the Christmas vacation in Missoula.

'14 Grace Saner and Alice Hardenburgh were in Missoula during the holiday season.

'12 Louise Smith Dobson was a guest in Missoula during the Christmas season.

'17 Gladys Lewis has announced her engagement to Payne Templeton, Σ N. Gladys Lewis will graduate from the university in June. Mr Templeton graduated last year.

'12 Marguerite Bonner was married to H. Lawrence Sadler Dec. 25. Address: 231 S. 4th St. E. Missoula, Mont.

'15 Diana Uline was married to Carl Morgan, B Θ II, of the University of South Dakota. Address: Dell Rapids, S. D.

'09 Bernice Berry who has been attending the University of Minnesota will spend the remainder of the winter in California.

'12 Annabel Robertson has announced her engagement to Walter Marshal, Σ X.

ALPHA XI—UNIVERSITY OF OREGON

Be prepared to see "all ye who enter in" the thrift and sanitation of our dwelling. Verily! We are to have a new home. Even now the contractors are drawing up plans for a house which, if they are satisfactory, will be ready for occupancy by the first of the next college year. It will be situated on Alder street nearer the campus than we now are and in a better locality.

But this good fortune is shadowed by a cloud of indecision. Since the mill tax this year will not be sufficient to meet the expenses of the university, a hundred thousand dollar appropriation has been asked. The legislature is now in session and will be until February 7. Up to that time we will be unable to know the outcome. Should we not receive the money, woe be to us and instead of trying to make the best of everything, more likely our motto will be trying to make the best of nothing.

At a recent meeting of the Panhellenic board several rules were put into effect which we feel will be of some interest to you all. One of these rules, which is the source of delight to us, and be it not conceit to say of disappointment to the hopeful youth, is that no fraternity shall entertain rushees during Junior Week-end, sisters excepted. We intend to make it a time for alumnae and personal guests. Another is, only girls of senior standing in high school and those who contemplate entering college the following year shall be rushed. Also our time for rushing has been shortened and we shall try to do away with formalities of dress, dinner, et cetera. Then this one: "At a mass meeting held by the Dean of women on matriculation day a speaker chosen by the Dean and the President of the alumnae association shall speak upon the subject of fraternities, national and local. A list of the Panhellenic rules shall be given to each freshman and explained." These are a few of the more important rules passed, which we believe will simplify next year's rush week to a great extent.

In anticipation of this week we gave a tea in Portland during the holidays. It was quite informal and merely for the purpose of becoming acquainted with high school girls. Eviction, you see, is the source of pleasure in this case and necessity the ruler of all.

Cleome Carroll.

'19 Iva McMillin left before Christmas vacation to enter the University of California.

'18-ex Beulah Hayes has announced her engagement to Malcolm McEwen, K Σ.

'11 Mrs Charles W. Taylor (Mary De Bar) has moved to Washington, D. C. her husband having been appointed Lieutenant in the army.

'16 Charlie Fenton did not return to Eugene after Christmas vacation.

'17-ex Madge Barry is now in Marshfield, Ore. with her mother, having returned from San Francisco.

- '18-ex Ruth Fraley and Eldon Furnish were married Dec. 29 in Portland.
 '06 Norma Hendricks, Alpha Xi's alumna adviser, left Dec. 20 for Los Angeles, Cal. where she will spend the remainder of the winter.
 '06 Mrs Arthur McAlister (Mary Warfield) has returned from a journey through the Middle West.
 '19 Mamie Gillette has recently been pledged to Mu Phi Epsilon.

ALPHA OMICRON—UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA

Although it is still winter, the university departments are laying their plans for spring. In addition to the usual May-day festivities this year, the department of Fine arts is planning to give a pageant of the early history of the southwest from the coming of the Spaniards. This pageant has not been fully worked out, but we are looking forward to it as something that will be both instructive and interesting.

There is now a bill before the legislature of Oklahoma for appropriations for an Education building, a building for Commerce and industry, and an auditorium. This seems to be a great deal to ask for at one time, but the university is growing rapidly and really needs these three buildings and more.

Nothing of interest has happened in Panhellenic lately except that a definite day and hour has been set for second semester pledging, before which time invitations cannot be issued. This rule will greatly simplify mid-year rushing.

By the time you read this letter the second semester will be well under way. We hope that it may prove even more successful than the last.

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Margaret Coleman

Mrs Ed McConnell sailed in Nov. for China and India.

Born to Mr and Mrs E. L. De Golyer (Nell Goodrich) a daughter, Dorothy Margaret, Dec. 18, 1916.

Born to Mr and Mrs Frank Buck (Irene Sharp) a daughter, Helen.

'14 Alpha Omicron recently enjoyed a short visit from Helen Barrett, who is now teaching in Mt. Pleasant, Iowa.

'18 Corinne Breeding has recently been elected secretary of the Student council.

Mary Paxton, Alpha Mu, made a short visit in Norman.

Alpha Omicron enjoyed a short visit last week from Mrs Jack McMurray (Marie Hunter).

'19-ex Ernestine Dodd has gone to St. Louis to study violin.

Louise Buxton, one of our pledges, has withdrawn from college on account of ill health.

ALPHA PI—UNIVERSITY OF NORTH DAKOTA

Panhellenic has just admitted another group of happy girls—the new local fraternity, Alpha Sigma Epsilon. These are nearly all "A" students! A Panhellenic tea was given in their honor on January 18. Alpha Zeta chapter of Delta Gamma fraternity has been installed.

After two rushing seasons last year and one this year, our chapter voted unanimously that Alpha Pi enjoy a social rest, so during December we had only one party. This was the annual Christmas tree party, on December 18. Besides a joke gift for each member, there was a coal-fund that pleased our house treasurer immensely. A furniture fund has also been started. Visible proof is a soft leather davenport. On January 1, a cozy afternoon was spent by the active members and reunited alumnæ at the Theta house.

University outside attention has turned from the social climax of the year—Junior prom, to basketball and oratorical interests. Several one-act plays written by North Dakota students are being staged by the Sock and Buskin society.

Last night we served a supper for Miss Fulton, our Dean of women, who talked to us pleasantly and informally about our relation, as a fraternity, to the university.

We are planning to be at home to the Alpha Sigma Epsilon fraternity immediately after examinations. Next Monday we are to meet to wish great good to Theta as we blow out the candles on her birthday cake. Our yearly formal party is to be April 28.

25 January 1917

Merle Rutherford.

The following alumnæ were here during Christmas vacation: Jessie Budge '13, Catherine Hixon '15, Alice Kolars '15, Hazel Ladd '15, Inez Serumgard '15, Minnie Steinbar '15-ex, Elaine Baldwin '16, Ruth Soule '16, and Grace Loughin '17-ex.

'10 Faith Grinnell Conmy (Mrs E. T.) and children spent the holidays with Judge and Mrs Conmy at Pembina.

'11 (Oberlin) LaBelle Mahon Stephens (Mrs C. M.) is editor of the new Theta song-book.

'15 Jessie Grassick left today with her father for Florida.

'15-ex Gertrude Gould is leaving Oberlin and will teach the 7th and 8th grades at Glenburn.

'17-ex Gertrude Skinner is studying domestic art at Pennsylvania university and will take a responsible position as soon as she has completed her course.

'15 The engagement of Ethel Renwick to James Thompson has been announced.

'12 (Vassar) Clara Bull took part in a society vaudeville given for the benefit of the Pasadena day nursery.

'12-ex Lottie Canham visited her parents in Jamestown during the holidays.

ALPHA RHO—UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH DAKOTA

Wednesday evening before the holidays we initiated one of our upperclass pledges, Pauline Brigham of Sturgis. This was followed by a buffet supper to which the alumnæ and pledges were invited. In the evening we had our annual Christmas party. Each member was given a favor from the tree accompanied by an appropriate verse read aloud by Santa.

On December 4, we held our annual bazaar, which was far more successful than we had even hoped. The proceeds were used to pay for our piano and to purchase furnishings for the chaperon's rooms. We feel very grateful to our alumnae members, both in Vermilion and those in other localities, for their assistance.

Panhellenic is planning a series of open informal meetings, the first of which was held at the Alpha Xi Delta house before Christmas. Theta hopes to have the next meeting.

Our Founders'-day banquet will have to be postponed on account of examinations but we are planning to have it between semesters. As further training for our pledges we are putting them at the head of committees for the banquet. We feel that they cannot begin too soon to take responsibility.

One evening each week has been set aside for entertaining members of the faculty. Miss Robinson, the head of the Home economics department, and Miss Henely, Dean of women, have recently given us helpful talks on the relation of the fraternity to the university.

The basketball season has opened and so far the university has been victorious.

Last Thursday evening we entertained at a successful house dance.

We are sorry to lose several of our girls by mid-semester graduation.

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Fern Waseem.

'14 Harriet Chubbuck and Lee Hassenburg, B Θ II, were married Dec. 25.

'18-ex Jennie Nicholson is teaching in South Shore, S. D.

Juliet Lien has the leading rôle in the sophomore play.

'15 Laura Lotze spent her Christmas vacation in Vermilion.

Rinnie Vaughan spent her Christmas in Tyndall, S. D.

Alpha Rho extends her sympathy to Minnie Bryant, Elsie Julian, and Grace Sargent in the recent death of their fathers.

Genevieve Kelly is president of the Home economics club, recently organized.

Hazel Lotze returned to her home for the holidays.

'16-ex Ada Chubbuck who was recently married to Mr Jones is now at home in Rockford, Ill.

ALPHA SIGMA—WASHINGTON STATE COLLEGE

Just before Christmas vacation we celebrated with our annual Christmas tree. Our alumnae and pledges were invited to the chapter house for a spread before the gifts were distributed. All year, when entertaining we have felt the need of serving trays and candlesticks, so you can imagine our joy at finding on the tree two pair of candlesticks, a beautiful inlaid tray from our house-mother, another from our pledges, and still another from an alumna.

Since Christmas we have been working along rather uneventfully. Now, we are looking forward to a gay time on Founders'-day—even if it does come the Saturday before examinations.

Early next semester we are planning to initiate our eleven pledges. They are already well started, as they have had pledge meetings every week under the supervision of Verne Gaddis, our alumna adviser.

For the first time in the history of Panhellenic at Washington state college, rules have been made governing second semester pledging. We are going to have three weeks of closed rushing with just two dates with each rushee. This sounds worse than it really is, as very few freshmen register the second semester.

In the next college play Bernard Shaw's *Candida*, two Thetas have parts, Margaret Gwinn playing the title rôle and Lorena Ferrier a minor part.

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Lorena Ferrier.

'07 Mabel Baker Hooker (Mrs Arthur) spent Christmas with her parents in Pullman, en route to her new home in Ogden.

At the last meeting of the Pullman alumnae at the Waller home on Dec. 30, twelve members were present, and all but three, Mrs Kruegel, Miss Patterson, and Miss Swezey were Alpha Sigma alumnae. After the business meeting all active Thetas and pledges who were in Pullman for the holidays came in for a delightful social hour and refreshments.

Kathleen Dawson Foster (Mrs M. E.) spent Christmas with her parents in Pullman.

Dorothy Otto is working in a pharmacy in Ritzville.

'17-ex Dora Sumarlidason is teaching at Tumwater, Wash.

'16-ex Julia Vestal is teaching in the grade school at Snohomish.

'16-ex Katherine Lewis is teaching at Libby, Mont.

'07 Olga Todd Gay (Mrs Robert) has recently moved to Harrington, Wash. where her husband is in the newspaper business.

'15 Gladys Waller is teaching sewing and art in the Pullman high school.

'09 Elizabeth Prior is doing postgraduate work at Columbia this year.

ALPHA TAU—UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI

When this letter appears in print, it will be spring, and our interests will be more and more absorbed by plans for commencement—and then Convention! Let us hope that by that time we will have forgotten the vale of sorrows through which we are now passing, and that we will all be safe on the other side. Especially are these mid-year examinations important ones for our eight pledges, for on their success or failure depends their initiation.

It was on the day after Thanksgiving that we held our pledge service, at which four freshmen, three sophomores, and one junior were pledged. They are Martha Harris, Gertrude Kemp, Alfreda Myers, Esther Sechrist, Marjory Nicholas, Hulda Brackman, Florence Stuart, and Mary Morse Griffiths.

Our Founders'-day celebration was very successful this year; it was a luncheon, followed by a little play, written by Inez James, which presented some scenes in the early history of Theta and its

Founders. Sixty girls were present, members of the active and alumnae chapter, and visitors from other chapters.

Interest in athletics is still lively at Cincinnati. After a disastrous football season, we are entering upon a series of brilliant victories in basketball—we hope! Next semester, with the opening of the new swimming pool in the girls' gymnasium, our feminine athletes, who have been champing the bit all winter, will have an opportunity to show their well known (!) superiority over the men.

Fraternity affairs are very active here this year. The last month has seen the establishment of one new women's fraternity and a good start toward the organization of another; the former being a chapter of Pi Kappa Sigma, which was installed last week, and the latter the Alpha chapter of a new fraternity, which is to be called Theta Phi Sigma, and is working to organize groups of girls in four other colleges or universities, after which it will be formally established. It should be a cause for rejoicing to all fraternity members that, with the growth and expansion of our university, a simultaneous growth occurs among the fraternities, broadening our Panhellenic interests and activities.

Elizabeth Page James.

'18 Grace Dudley, who is now a student at the University of Wisconsin, is in Cincinnati for a few days, and attended our Founders'-day luncheon.

'16 Hilda Cline, Beta, is in Cincinnati, studying voice and harmony at the College of music.

'18 Mary Struble, Grace Dudley, and Margaret Todd were here for the Christmas vacation.

'18 Helen Duke, Gamma, of the University of Wisconsin, was the guest of Grace Dudley during the Christmas holidays.

'18 Anita Dunkel, Tau, visited Margaret Todd in the Christmas vacation.

'16 Madolin Serodino, who has been ill all winter, is recovering, and we want everyone to know how glad we are!

'14 Helen Logan Jones, who is living in Buffalo, N. Y. was also among the Christmas home-comers.

ALPHA UPSILON—WASHBURN COLLEGE

Alpha Upsilon had the unusual treat in fraternity meeting last week, of having Dr Locke, our own Betty Locke Hamilton's brother, give us his version of the founding of Kappa Alpha Theta. He is the pastor of one of the Methodist churches here in Topeka. He was just the right age to run errands and have an active curiosity when his sister and her three companions were making their plans. He told of their slumber parties, of the day when he brought in the express package containing the first Theta badges, and of his sister's mysterious visit to Bloomington just before the charter was granted there. But he also told of the unpleasant circumstances which the girls had to battle with; for they were among the first to enter after De Pauw (Asbury) was opened to girls. When they came to chapel the young men would all scrape their feet on the

floor until the few girls reached their secluded section. The course was extremely difficult, with no electives and large requirements of Latin, Greek, and mathematics. It made us realize more than ever,

The Alumnæ chapter is entertaining for us on Founders'-day, the great debt we owe our Founders.

They are going to give us a dinner, followed by a lecture by Professor Archimedes Archright of Archidelphia, Arkansas, Professor of architecture and archeology. At Christmas time they presented us with the interest for our payments on our lots. Our pledges have just given us four much-needed and good-looking chairs. We are now singing, with deep feeling, "rest, there is rest, in the pledges' chairs," et cetera. On the same day the chairs were sent to us, the pledges entertained us with a dinner, followed by a "Theta promenade." The pledges, arrayed in our hats and coats, promenaded before us, displaying without mercy our various characteristics.

Two of our girls, Majel Langhart and Christina Ward, made the debating team this year. This is the first time since girls' debating was started here a few years ago, that we have been represented. Christina Ward has also been chosen sophomore representative for the Student council.

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Laura Neiswanger.

'12 Louise Heath is now teaching English in the Topeka high school. She formerly taught at Chanute, Kan.

Gertrude Gray is back at college, after having been away several weeks on account of an operation for appendicitis.

'11 Lurene Irish of Sterling has been visiting in Topeka.

Ruth Koester, one of our juniors, spent the Christmas holidays traveling in the East.

'10 Mr and Mrs James P. Coleman (La Vere Langdon) are the parents of a daughter.

'15 Marion Walp of Meriden, '15 Marguerite Setzer of Holton, and '15 Adelaide Johnston of Whiting, will come to Topeka for the alumnæ Founders'-day party. They are all teaching.

Ruth Kaster has returned from a trip to Texas.

'14 Dr and Mrs Clark Zugg (Ruth Bauer) of Great Bend, have been visiting Mrs Zugg's parents.

'19-ex Geraldine Riley and the Beaver twins, who are attending Grinnell, plan to visit us during their spring vacation.

Miss Mary Overholt, Kappa, has been visiting in Topeka. She has now returned to her home in Pasadena, Cal.

'05 Agnes Fisk Mellice (Mrs Glen) has moved from Castana, Iowa, to Cushing, Iowa.

Miss Grace Koontz and her family are taking a trip through Panama this winter.

ALPHA PHI—NEWCOMB COLLEGE

The atmosphere at Newcomb just now is simply full of wonderful plans for a "New Newcomb." Definite arrangements have been made for the construction of entirely new buildings, the work

to begin immediately. As there was no plan for a gymnasium among the plans for the new buildings, the Newcomb alumnae, with the support of the student body, have undertaken the burden of raising funds for constructing and equipping a strictly modern gymnasium.

This is, indeed, a strenuous time for us as Pledge-day is drawing very near. Panhellenic observes very few rules for limiting rushing at Newcomb, so you can imagine what a great item rushing has become. With the help of our alumnae we are planning to give several nice parties for the rushees during the coming month. And as a grand finale we expect to take all the rushees on a house-party just about a week before Pledge-day.

But it would take more than strenuous rushing to prevent us from having our own distinct Theta parties. We expect to celebrate Founders'-day, January 27, by our first formal banquet since installation.

25 January 1917

Miriam Delchamps.

'12-ex Ethel Friederichs is teaching in Rayville, La.

'14 Mildred Snyder, who has been visiting her cousin, Edna Black, will leave soon on a trip out West.

Miss Helen Baker, Eta, spent the day with us last Wednesday. She was on her way to Austin.

ALPHA CHI—PURDUE UNIVERSITY

We girls of Alpha Chi returned to college on January 3, after a happy Christmas vacation, with many good resolutions to make 1917 the very best year ever. But alas! Misfortune was tagging close at our heels and in less than a week six of us were on the sick-list. However, we are now happy to say that all of our girls have recovered and are back at work, with the exception of Gretchen Mueller, who has gone to her home in Indianapolis, on account of a broken ankle.

In the rush and excitement of the close of our first semester, we must not forget to tell you about our annual Christmas party which took place December 19. How very glad we were to have Philena Palmer '16, with us at this time! Instead of exchanging individual gifts we gave a "House Benefit," and received such a host of lovely and practical presents. After all the gifts had been unwrapped and duly admired, the freshmen gave a very clever little play, and at the end of it a robust Santa Claus presented us all with boxes of home-made candy.

If you would pay a visit to Purdue you would be surprised to see a fine new science building nearing completion. It is needless to say we are proud of our campus and this new structure will add greatly to its attractiveness.

Fifteen Thetas living in Lafayette gave a jolly slumber (or should I say slumberless) party on New Year's Eve, and their reports of the good time enjoyed make the rest of us envious.

January 27, the chapter and town Thetas celebrated Founders'-day at the chapter house. After an elaborate feast, the upperclassmen gave a sketch *Our freshmen as we see them*. The freshmen, not to be outdone, had prepared a very clever minstrel, and had a number of jokes and "take-offs" on the older girls.

We are very proud and happy to announce that Esther Evans '17, has been chosen May Queen. Two other honors were won recently by Alpha Chi when Beatrice Fisher was elected president of Philalthean literary society and Josephine McCord was elected president of Theta Chi Gamma, an honorary local society.

30 January 1917

Mary Agnew.

'16 Alice Hupe has returned to Lafayette after a course of study in Chicago art institute.

'16 Philena Palmer who has a position in the Girls' industrial school at Indianapolis, visited the chapter house Jan. 7.

'15 Gaile Williams Johnson spent the holidays with her parents in Lafayette.

ALPHA PSI—LAWRENCE COLLEGE

Just before we went home for the holidays, we enjoyed our customary Christmas party at the home of Anne Hawes, one of our new pledges. When we returned to college, each brought some of mother's cooking for a spread which was held at the home of Margaret Ritchie.

One snowy Saturday not long ago, alumnae and actives journeyed over to Ruth Lachmann's, Neenah, to a tea given by the pledges. At entertaining, they proved themselves true Thetas.

We celebrated Founders'-day with a luncheon at the Sherman hotel. Some of us also went to a tea given by the local Associate collegiate alumnae. This association is raising money for a scholarship fund.

The party given last year by Panhellenic met with such approval that we decided to repeat it this year. On February 3 all the girls in college enjoyed a matinée dance in the gymnasium.

Alfred Noyes, the English poet, gave a lecture and readings from his poems here on February 1. He came under the auspices of the English club of Lawrence college.

There has been strong opposition both by the faculty and fraternities to the present rushing system. The agitation will result doubtlessly in many changes for next year; in fact a committee is already at work on plans.

A campaign has been started to raise \$500,000 for the college. It is hoped that sufficient funds can be mustered to build a much needed chapel and other recitation buildings.

Sigma Phi Epsilon suffered loss recently from a fire in their fraternity house.

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Lorraine W. Lomas

'11 Mrs Carl Rosebush (Hazel Cass) is substituting in Appleton high school.

'12 Marie Snyder is living at the Aberdeen, St. Paul, Minn.

'18-ex Norma Stauffer spent Christmas vacation in Appleton.

Mrs Elmer Jennings and Marion Jennings, Tau, and Mrs James T. Haviland, Gamma, were guests at our Founders'-day luncheon.

Miss Mabel Eddy, who is very much interested in relief work, has collected \$50 in the past month. She has already sent many boxes of warm things to Belgium.

ALPHA OMEGA—UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH

The excitement of rushing season is growing more intense as February 14 approaches, for on that day invitations are issued. February 7 marks the close of active rushing, providing a week of rest for all, the first since September. The City Panhellenic has volunteered its aid because of the difficult rushing conditions at Pitt. Most frequently the same girls are invited by all fraternities: so much popularity has been known to turn girls' heads, so a new system has been devised to meet the emergency, if such it is. Two members of the City Panhellenic, from fraternities not represented at Pitt, receive on February 7 a list of desired girls from each fraternity. To each girl, whose name appears on these lists, a statement is sent telling her that some fraternity desires to make her a member and requesting her to list the fraternities in college in the order of her choice. If her name has appeared upon more than one list, the fraternity which she listed first, is awarded her. The plan is new to us and will prove its worth in its success (or failure) at this time.

This week, beginning January 29, brings with it our old friends and horrors—examinations: friends, this time because Alpha Omega wishes to win the scholarship cup offered by Panhellenic.

Yours and our Mrs Mecklin has been most kind to us during our long rushing season. She entertained the college chapter and several freshmen at a jolly marshmallow roast and taffy pull. We had such a good time!

On Saturday January 27, alumnae and active Thetas joined to celebrate Founders'-day at luncheon at our new William Penn hotel, which ranks with New York's best.

Phi Gamma Delta is this week installing a chapter at the university. We are pleased at the addition of a new men's fraternity, because, here, in the absence of dormitories, fraternities can accomplish something really helpful to the student life and stand for far more than a social club.

Girls, Theta sisters, aren't you all excited about Convention? We are saving and saving to see how many we can send. We hope to take our first doctor—Agnes Ferguson—along with us.

31 January 1917

Cecile Boyd

'17 Louise Borland has gone to Florida where she expects to visit her brother for several weeks.

'16-ex Zella Chambers expects to return to the University this second semester to finish her senior year.

'18 Eleanor Spangler has been appointed on the Junior Prom committee.

We were delighted to have Blanche Taylor, Mu, for our anniversary reception on Dec. 7, and Olevia Widdowson, also of Mu, for the week-end of Jan. 19-21 over the Allegheny-Pitt basketball game.

Kathryn Kerr, Alpha Lambda, now attending Smith college spent the holidays in Pittsburgh where she was the maid of honor at a wedding of a Smith-Pitt girl.

BETA BETA—RANDOLPH-MACON WOMAN'S COLLEGE

It seems to be giving ancient history when we mention something that happened before the Christmas holidays. Still, it may be interesting to know that the night before every one left, we had a Christmas tree in our chapter room—a tree full of gifts for the kitchen of our future house. One girl acted as Santa Claus and opened the queer looking packages and read the clever and suitable rhymes that were on each of them. To make the occasion still brighter there were refreshments, Theta songs, and the presence of those two whom we had just initiated into Kappa Alpha Theta. One is Miss Helen Harvey of Oberlin, Ohio, who is a member of last year's graduating class of Bryn Mawr and now an instructor in the biology department of Randolph-Macon. Beta Beta feels quite fortunate to have her, for we feel she will be a help and an inspiration to us. The other is not a faculty member, but an attractive sophomore, Eunice Smith from Fayetteville, Tennessee.

In the last letter we told of Panhellenic trying to obtain freshman pledging. As yet, there has been no definite outcome of the movement, since it has to be conducted in a careful and thorough manner, so as to meet the opinions and the prejudices of the faculty.

As this Founders'-day was the first one that this, the baby chapter, has had a chance to celebrate we were very disappointed that, on account of its occurring in the midst of the examinations, we could do no more than send greetings to the Founders, and wear the black and gold and the pansy under our pins. But even this moved us deeply, and made us realize that in one great chain all the chapters of Theta were commemorating the day that gave birth to the fraternity that is bringing us such rich blessings. January 27, however, was still in our minds when we honored its memory with a banquet at the Virginian hotel on the night of February 3.

Theta holds the following positions in college activities this year: president of the senior class, vice-president of Suffrage club, president of Day students' organization, secretary of Franklin literary society, president of South Carolina club, sargent-at-arms in

Franklin literary society, secretary of Athletic association, treasurer of sophomore class, cheer leader of junior class, accompanist for R.-M. W. C. chorus, secretary of North Carolina club, and business manager of the *Sun-Dial*, the college weekly. Also of our twenty members, eighteen are members of the Young Women's Christian association, eighteen of the Athletic association, five of literary societies, six of state clubs, three of the Dramatic club, six of the Suffrage club, three of the R.-M. W. C. chorus; thirteen serve on Young Women's Christian association committees; two are on the basketball squad; two are members of the Young Women's Christian association Cabinet commission; two are representatives to the Student committee; one is a member of the championship basketball team. In statistics, we have Lucy Ames, who has been elected the most typical senior.

Paderewski and Cyril Maude are the worth-while people who have recently been to Lynchburg.

We are still happy over the gift sent us by those Thetas who were here during our installation last May. It is a beautiful loving-cup with the crest mounted on it. Is it strange that it is one of our most prized possessions?

28 January 1917

Maurine Edwards

'15 Mary Gladys Owen was married on Dec. 20 to Mr G. B. Scott of Murray, Ky. It may be noted that she was the one who instigated the forming of a group at Randolph-Macon to petition Kappa Alpha Theta.

'16 Annette Young gave, during the holidays, a Theta house-party at her home in Hebron, Va.

Adelaide Haggard of Alpha Eta, who is teaching at Martha Washington college at Abingdon, Va. attended our Founders'-day banquet.

'16 Annette Young returned for the Founders'-day banquet.

ALPHA EPSILON AND PROVIDENCE ALUMNÆ

On the evening of January 20 we celebrated Founders'-day by holding a supper, followed by an informal meeting at the Westminster tearooms.

Members of our chapter joined the Boston alumnae chapter at the latter's Founders'-day luncheon, held at the Women's city club, Boston, January 27.

'02 Mr and Mrs Howard A. Coffin (Abbie S. Ghodey) of Detroit, Mich. announce the birth of a daughter, Gail Coffin, Dec. 27.

'12 Mildred C. Bishop has a position in the editorial office of Ginn and Company, Boston. Her address is 372 Harvard st. Cambridge, Mass.

'13 Ottilie R. Metzger was married Dec. 2 to Norman S. Taber, Brown '13, A Δ Θ. Her address is 129 Taber av. Providence.

'13 Mrs Milledge M. Purdy (Ruth E. Ryther) of Hartford, Conn. was a guest in town for the Taber-Metzger wedding.

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